

284.1

Ev2v

v. 68

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD OF VIRGINIA,

HELD IN

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,

AUGUST 17-22, 1897.

Henkel & Co., Steam Printers, New Market, Va.:
Office of "Our Church Paper," "Shenandoah Valley," Etc.

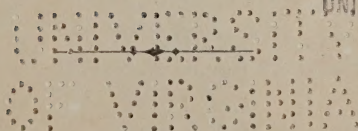
MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION
OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
SYNOD OF VIRGINIA,
HELD IN
GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,

AUGUST 17-22, 1897.

THE LIBRARY OF THE

JUN 5 1945

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS



Henkel & Co., Steam Printers, New Market, Va.:
Office of "Our Church Paper," "Shenandoah Valley," Etc.

CALENDAR 1897-98.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT—REV. H. F. SCHEELE, STAUNTON, VA.
VICE-PRESIDENT—REV. C. H. ROCKEY, SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.
SECRETARY—REV. L. L. SMITH, STRASBURG, VA.
TREASURER—L. S. WALKER, ESQ., WOODSTOCK, VA.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

REV. J. A. SNYDER, D. D., REV. J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
REV. W. J. SMITH, REV. H. F. SCHEELE.

SPEAKERS.

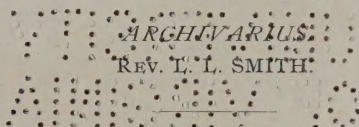
ORDINATION—REV. J. A. SNYDER, D. D.
EDUCATION—REV. C. A. FREED.
MISSIONS—REV. C. A. MARKS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

REV. W. J. SMITH; REV. W. L. SEABROOK,
REV. E. L. FOLK, C. W. HEATER, ESQ.,
HENRY BAETJER, ESQ.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

REV. H. F. SCHEELE, CHM., DR. R. F. DAVIS,
REV. C. A. FREED, T. J. COOPER,
MAJ. A. KOINER, J. H. ZITTLE,
C. C. BERRY, TREASURER.



NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD: Place—Hebron church, Madison county, Va., Rev. W. P. Huddle, pastor. Time—Wednesday morning before the 4th Sunday of August, 1898, at 9 o'clock.

289.1
Ev 2 v
v. 68

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION OF THE EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met in Grace church, Winchester, Va., August 17-22, 1897. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. H. F. Scheele, Staunton, Va.

FIRST SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,
AUGUST 18, 1897—9 A. M.

Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. H. F. Scheele, according to the form of service of the Book of Worship.

The clerical roll was called and absentees noted. Lay-delegates presented their credentials, and the names of those entitled to seats in the Synod were ordered to be placed on the roll.

CLERICAL ROLL.

MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICE.	ORDAINED.
Rev. J. M. Schreckhise	Moffatt's Creek, Va	1858
" J. A. Snyder, D. D.	New Market, Va.	1859
" P. Miller	Churchville, Va.	1860
" A. A. J. Bushong	Woodstock, Va.	1863
" Prof. James Willis*	Staunton, Va.	1877
" C. A. Marks	Middlebrook, Va	1877
" W. J. Smith	Mountain Falls, Va	1878
" L. L. Smith	Strasburg, Va	1880
" C. H. Rockey	Shepherdstown, W. Va	1882
" J. W. Strickler	Stephens City, Va	1882
" J. W. S. Sheppard	Buena Vista, Va	1883
" Ed. L. Folk	Mt. Jackson, Va.	1884
" D. P. Crickenberger	Luray, Va.	1885
" G. E. Shuey	Harrisonburg, Va	1886
" D. W. Michael	Wardensville, W. Va	1887
" H. F. Scheele	Staunton, Va	1888
" W. P. Huddle	Madison C. H., Va	1888
" Asa Richard	Winchester, Va	1889
" W. L. Seabrook	Winchester, Va	1889
" J. E. Shenk	Norfolk, Va	1890
" W. H. Berry*	Brandonville, W. Va	1891
" J. C. McGauchey	Mt. Sidney, Va.	1891
" R. B. Peery*	Saga Hizen, Kyushu, Japan	1892
" J. A. Morehead	Richmond, Va.	1892
" C. A. Freed	Middlebrook, Va.	1893
" E. A. Shenk	Waynesboro, Va	1895
" E. C. Cronk	Waynesboro, Va.	1895
" D. W. Files	New Haven, W. Va	1896
" R. A. Helms	Buena Vista, Va	1896
" C. E. Hershberger	Bridgewater, Va.	1896
" J. W. Shuey	Alone, Va	1897

* Absent and excused.

Univ. of Va. Lib., 24. 1897-98

REGISTER.

NUMBER.	PASTORATES.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Bethany	Bethany, Mt. Olive	Rev. J. W. Shuey.
2	Bethlehem . . .	Bethlehem, Grace	Rev. E. A. Shenk.
3	Brandonville . .	St. John's, Luther Chapel, St. Peter's, Mt. Zion, St. Mark's . .	Rev. W. H. Berry. Rev. R. A. Helms.
4	Buena Vista . .	Trinity	Rev. D. W. Michael.
5	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter's, North River, St. James', Mt. Moriah	Rev. P. Miller.
6	Churchville . .	St. Peter's, Pleasant View, St. Paul	
7	Gravel Springs .	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John, St. James	Rev. W. J. Smith. Rev. G. E. Shuey.
8	Harrisonburg . .	Muhlenberg	Rev. G. E. Shuey.
9	Lebanon	Lebanon, St. Paul	Rev. Asa Richard.
10	Madison	Hebron, Mt. Pisgah	Rev. W. P. Huddle.
11	Mt. Jackson . .	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, Cross Roads.	Rev. Ed. L. Folk.
12	Mason	New Haven, New Hope, White. .	Rev. D. W. Files.
13	Middlebrook . .	Holy Trinity, Newport, St. Mark's	Rev. C. A. Freed.
14	Mt. Tabor . . .	Mt. Tabor	Rev. C. A. Marks.
15	New Market . .	St. Matthew's, St. Mark's, St. Martin	Rev. J. A. Snyder.
16	Norfolk	First Church	Rev. J. E. Shenk.
17	Luray	Bethlehem, St. Mark's	Rev. D. P. Crickenberger.
18	Richmond . . .	First English Lutheran Church. .	Rev. J. A. Morehead.
19	Rockingham . .	Frieden's, St. John's, Trinity . .	Rev. C. E. Hershberger.
20	Shenandoah . .	Mt. Zion, St. Luke's	Vacant.
21	Shepherdstown .	St. Peter's	Rev. C. H. Rockey.
22	Staunton	Christ Evang. Lutheran Church .	Rev. H. F. Scheele.
23	Stephens City . .	Trinity, Ebenezer	Rev. J. W. Strickler.
24	Strasburg . . .	St. Paul's, St. Peter's	Rev. L. L. Smith.
25	Smithfield . . .	Stone's Chapel, Gerardstown, Smithfield	Vacant.
26	Salem	Salem, Melancthon Chapel, St. James	Rev. J. C. McGauchey.
27	Waynesboro . .	Zion, St. James	Rev. E. C. Cronk.
28	Winchester . . .	Grace Church	Rev. W. L. Seabrook.
29	Woodstock . . .	Emmanuel	Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Bethany Pastorate, L. L. Alphin; Buena Vista, J. S. Huffman; Capon, N. M. Smaltz; Churchville, J. Walter Johns; Gravel Springs, P. J. Williams; Harrisonburg, A. H. Wilson; Madison, J. C. Utz; Middlebrook, J. E. Cale; Mt. Tabor, J. J. Shuey; New Market, P. J. Olinger; Richmond, W. D. Rock; Rockingham, S. T. Shank; Shenandoah, T. A. Bowman; Shepherdstown, M. McKee; Staunton, John A. Singer; Stephens City, Wm. Lineburg; Strasburg, C. W. Heater; Tom's Brook, N. F. Snarr; Salem, N. I. Kagey; Waynesboro, W. A. Freed; Winchester, Jacob Swisher; Pleasant View, L. L. Greiner; Woodstock, W. W. Logan; Lebanon, John W. Snapp; Bethlehem, F. M. Shenk; Browntown, J. A. Baublitz.

The President, Rev. H. F. Scheele, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN :—The following is a summary of all the official transactions connected with the President's office during the year since last we met together in synodical convention :

I. RESIGNATIONS.

September 21, 1896, Rev. J. W. Strickler gave notice that he had resigned the Rockingham charge to take effect November 10, 1896.

October 3, 1896, Rev. P. L. Miller gave notice that he had resigned the Stephens City charge to take effect October 20, 1896.

October 4, 1896, Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger gave notice that he had resigned the Zion-St. James charge to take effect December 1, 1896.

February 2, 1897, Rev. W. B. Oney gave notice that he had resigned the Mt. Sidney charge to take effect March 1, 1897.

II. DISMISSIONS.

February 3, 1897, Rev. W. B. Oney was given a certificate of dismissal from this Synod, and recommended to the Synod of North Carolina.

February 27, 1897, Rev. P. L. Miller was given a certificate of dismissal from this Synod, and recommended to the East Ohio Synod.

III. CALLS ACCEPTED.

December 7, 1896, Rev. J. W. Strickler gave notice that he had accepted a call to the Stephens City charge to take effect December 1, 1896.

March 5, 1897, Rev. C. E. Hershberger gave notice that he had accepted a call to the Rockingham charge, having entered upon the work several weeks before.

March 31, 1897, Rev. W. P. Huddle gave notice that he had accepted a call to the Madison charge, and had entered upon the work February 20, 1897.

June 18, 1897, Rev. E. C. Cronk gave notice that he had accepted a call to the Zion-St. James charge to take effect on the same date.

February 27, 1897, Rev. J. M. Schreckhise gave notice that he had accepted a call to supply the Zion-St. James charge during the vacancy that then existed.

June 14, 1897, Mr. J. W. Shuey, a student of theology at the Chicago Seminary and candidate for ordination to the holy ministry at this Synod, gave notice that he had been called to serve the Bethany, Rockbridge county, charge, having entered upon the work the first of May.

August 3, 1897, Rev. P. Miller gave notice that he had accepted a call to supply the Pleasant View congregation, beginning June 1, 1897.

IV. CREDENTIALS RECEIVED.

March 26, 1897, a letter was received from the President of North Carolina Synod, dismissing Rev. W. P. Huddle and recommending him to this Synod.

May 27, 1897, a letter was received from the President of the Nebraska Synod, dismissing Rev. J. C. McGaughey and recommending him to this Synod.

July 15, 1897, a letter was received from the President of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, dismissing Rev. E. C. Cronk and recommending him to this Synod.

July 31, 1897, a letter was received from the President of the Holston Synod, dismissing Rev. C. E. Hershberger and recommending him to this Synod.

V. INSTALLATIONS.

October 25, 1896, Rev. R. A. Helms was installed pastor of Trinity church, Buena Vista. Rev. J. M. Schreckhise delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. C. A. Freed the charge to the congregation.

November 22, 1896, Rev. D. W. Michael was installed pastor of the Wardensville charge. Rev. W. L. Seabrook delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. L. L. Smith the charge to the congregation.

April 4, 1897, Rev. J. W. Strickler was installed pastor of the Stephens City charge, Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., and Rev. A. A. J. Bushong officiating.

May 16, 1897, Rev. J. C. McGaughey was installed pastor of the Mt. Sidney charge, Rev. James Willis officiating.

August 1, 1897, Rev. E. C. Cronk was installed pastor of the Zion-St. James charge. Rev. J. M. Schreckhise delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. H. F. Scheele the charge to the congregation. Rev. H. L. Baugher, D. D., of Gettysburg, and Rev. E. A. Shenk also took part in the service.

VI. DEDICATIONS.

October 18, 1896, the Lebanon congregation dedicated their remodeled and enlarged church building. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. H. Rockey who with the pastor Rev. Asa Richard conducted the services.

VII. CORNER-STONE LAID.

June 27, 1897, the corner-stone of Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran church at Browntown, Va., Rev. J. W. Strickler, pastor, was laid. The ceremonies were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger.

VIII. CAPON PASTORATE.

There is a communication, among the official papers, from the Potomac Conference, relative to the Capon pastorate, which should receive the attention of Synod.

IX. VACANCIES.

The Shenandoah pastorate has been vacant during the entire year. Something should be done if possible to prevent the continuance of this unfortunate situation. There is a good deal of correspondence relative to this charge among the official papers, which will be handed to the proper committee.

X. THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

The United Synod will meet in Newberry, South Carolina, on May 18, 1898. We should elect delegates at this meeting to represent this body in that general meeting.

CONCLUSION.

This is the record only of a few superficial and insignificant facts; the true record of the past year has been written on the register of eternity in the fidelity with which we have served our Master. May the constant mindfulness that we are thus making a record that cannot be changed, make us to be faithful and earnest stewards of the manifold trusts committed to our keeping; and may God bless his work in the year that lies before us as he has in the year that is past. And again thanking each and all for the uniform courtesy which I have received in the discharge of the duties of the President's office, I submit this report.

H. FRANK SCHEELER.

The Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary submits the following report for the past synodical year:

1. Bids were received according to resolution of Synod for the printing of Minutes. The contract was given to Henkel & Co., being considered by the Secretary the most favorable offer. The cost of the 1500 copies, including postage, expressage, &c., was \$82.38. The exact cost of the Minutes less the expressage, postage, &c., was \$74.80 and the latter item was \$7.58. These publishers have agreed to reduce the cost per page for this year's Minutes, and, in addition gratuitously to furnish the Synod with advance printed copies of the annual reports of its officers. The Secretary, having carefully considered the matter, and knowing the prompt, first-class, satisfactory and accurate work done by them, has given them the contract for printing the Minutes of this convention, and trusts the Synod will vote its approval of his action.

2. Reduced rates were secured for this convention over the B. & O. Railroad and the Southern Railway, and our thanks are due said

companies. The Secretary desires to state for the information of all that these privileges are available not alone to ministers and delegates to Synod, but also to all visitors. A letter, with postage enclosed for their forwarding to the Secretary, will receive prompt attention and card orders will be mailed to all applying who propose attending our annual conventions.

3. The bill for postage, expressage, &c., in the discharge of the routine duties of the Secretary's office is \$2.00.

4. I would call the attention of Synod to the need of proper ordination certificates for its use, and would recommend that the President and Secretary be authorized to secure fifty or one hundred blank ordination certificates at the most reasonable cost, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay for the same out of the Synodical Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.

Grace church, Winchester, Va.,

August 18, 1897.

The Treasurer, Mr. L. S. Walker, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

APPORTIONMENTS AND RECEIPTS OF THE DIFFERENT CHARGES OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 12, 1897.

PASTORATE.	BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.		SEMINARY FUND.		SYNODICAL FUND.		HOME MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		ORPHANS' HOME.		NORFOLK MISSION.		No Apportionment. Free will offering.	Received.	Total Apportionment.	Total Received.	Deficit.	Overpayments.	
	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.									
Bethany	\$ 6 75	\$ 3 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 12 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 10 00		\$ 10 00			\$ 107 25	\$ 26 00	\$ 85 25	\$ 5 06		
Brandonville	11 25	12 00	10 50	5 00	40 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	15 06						111 25	92 31	37 94			
Bethlehem	11 25	12 00	9 00	9 00	12 00		10 00	20 00	5 00							87 50	50 50	39 50			
Buena Vista.	3 00	3 00	4 50		25 00		10 00	20 00	10 00	7 50						37 50	50 50	39 42			
Capon	6 00	8 00	7 50	10 00	32 00	11 00	20 00	11 00	10 00	7 50			5 00			90 00	50 50	39 42			
Churchville	3 00	2 00	7 50	4 50	32 00	8 00	20 00	5 00	10 00	5 00			5 00			79 50	40 08	39 42			
Gravel Springs	10 00	8 00	15 00	15 00	62 03	62 03	50 00	50 49	25 00	39 07			10 00			186 00	238 33		58 33		
Harrisonburg.	4 00	4 00	4 50	4 50	17 00	17 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	8 88			10 00			43 74	44 50		7 88		
Lebanon	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	3 00			25 00			110 00	120 00		10 00		
Madison	15 00	15 00	22 50	20 00	90 00	46 19	59 00	33 59	25 00	26 33			50 00			267 50	151 02	116 48			
Mt. Jackson	3 00	3 00	4 50	4 50	20 00	6 10	5 00	2 74	5 00				50 00			40 50	19 34	21 16			
	4 00	4 00	7 50	7 50	30 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	5 00	5 00			50 00			125 50	81 56	43 94			
Mt. Calvary	6 00	6 00	9 00	9 00	35 00	28 21	15 00	5 00	7 50	4 15			10 00			72 50	57 36	15 14			
	6 00	5 00	9 00	9 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	10 00						85 00	85 00		4 30		
Mason	6 00	3 00	4 50	4 50	15 00	5 74	10 00	4 51	3 50	2 00			10 00			37 50	17 00	20 50			
Middlebrook	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	60 00	30 23	40 00	22 00	15 00	15 00						151 50	109 73	41 77			
	10 00	10 00	10 50	10 50	45 00	25 43	20 00	15 19	7 50	5 00						103 00	73 44	29 56			
Mt. Tabor.	10 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	14 00	2 03	10 00	2 00	5 00	3 86						43 00	12 03	30 97			
New Market	6 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	14 00	4 25	10 00	2 00	5 00	3 86						43 00	14 61	28 39			
	6 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	3 25			35 00			74 50	78 75	4 25			
Norfolk	3 00	4 00	7 50	7 50	8 00	8 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	3 25						22 00	22 75		15 00		
Browtown, Page	1 00	1 00	4 50	4 50	20 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	7 50	10 00						54 50	69 50		75 00		
Richmond	3 00	4 00	7 50	7 50	24 00	24 00	15 00	15 00	2 50	2 50			20 00			81 00	83 50		15 00		
Rockingham	3 00	3 00	7 50	7 50	15 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50			20 00			41 50	2 50	39 00			
Mt. Zion.	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	60 00	30 00				50 00			26 50	26 50	60 50			
	3 00	25 00	40 00	40 00	140 00	90 50	60 00	60 00	30 00				50 00			400 00	200 50	79 50			
Shenandoah	25 00	15 00	22 50	22 50	70 00	70 00	40 00	89 00	20 00	20 00			50 00			232 50	293 00		60 50		
Shepherdstown	15 00	8 00	13 50	13 50	30 00	30 00	18 00	30 00	7 50	16 66			16 66			97 66	137 16		39 50		
Staunton	4 00	8 00	7 50	7 50	25 00	25 00	15 00	25 00	7 50	7 50			10 00			67 00	67 00		20 00		
St. Peter	4 00	3 00	7 50	7 50	20 00	20 00	12 00	12 00	5 75	5 75			10 00			60 50	61 25		75 00		
St. Paul	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	2 50	2 50						32 50	89 98	32 50			
Waynesboro	7 00	7 00	10 50	10 50	42 00	24 00	30 00	26 00	7 50	7 50			10 00			114 00	121 04	24 02			
Winchester	10 00	11 81	15 00	7 73	70 00	51 00	40 00	37 00	13 50	13 50			150 00			158 50	158 50	37 46			
Woodstock	35 00	40 00	75 00	75 00	225 00	225 00	1050 00	1137 50	55 00	55 00			50 00			1630 00	1758 82		128 82		
Pleasant View	6 00	6 00	15 00	15 00	30 00	35 00	20 00	25 00	7 50	67 50			50 00			143 50	224 75		81 25		
	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00						20 00	12 00	8 00			
Due by Treas. from last year	\$264 25	\$213 05	\$279 00	\$208 23	\$1429 00	\$1050 73	\$1780 00	\$1747 93	\$402 50	\$307 68	\$559 66	\$424 22	\$224 15	\$528 91		\$4633 99	\$903 81	\$438 86			
	34 99				107 64	17 14		26 00	21 62		47 00		338 60			548 71					
											\$471 22		\$552 75			\$5182 70					
	\$248 04				\$1158 37			\$1773 93	\$419 30							163 48			\$5346 18		
											Synodical Foreign Mission Fund invested.										

EXPENDITURES MADE BY L. S. WALKER, TREASURER,
FROM THE DIFFERENT FUNDS, FROM AUGUST
27, 1896, TO AUGUST 13, 1897.

FROM EDUCATIONAL FUND.

1896.		DR.	
Aug.	.	To amt. charged off by order of Synod	\$ 5 00
Oct.	24.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk	50 00
Dec.	18.	To amt. paid same	50 00
1897.			
Mar.	20.	To amt. paid same in full	50 00
			<u>\$155 00</u>
1897.		CR.	
Aug.	13.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	\$ 93 04

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1896.		DR.	
Aug.	.	To amt. charged off by order Synod	\$ 10 00
Dec.	28.	To amt. paid J. E. Cooper, Treas. U. S. South . .	80 00
1897.			
May	25.	To amt. paid same	80 00
June	9.	To amt. paid same by Madison	8 50
Aug.	3.	To amt. paid same by Winchester	1137 50
Aug.	3.	To amt. paid same	200 00
Aug.	13.	To amt. paid same	257 43
			<u>\$1773 93</u>

FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

1896.		DR.	
Aug.	.	To amt. charged off by order Synod	\$ 17 00
Oct., '96, to Aug., '97.		To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Treas. Harrisonburg mission, 12 mos. sal., \$25 monthly	300 00
Oct., '96, to Aug., '97.		To amt. paid Rev. R. A. Helms, Buena Vista mission, — mos. salary, \$12.50 monthly	137 50
1896.			
Dec.	28.	To amt. paid J. E. Cooper, Treas. U. S. South . .	200 00
1897.			
May	25.	To amt. paid same	250 00
June	9.	To amt. paid same by Madison	11 01
Aug.	3.	To amt. paid same	250 00
Aug.	13.	To amt. paid same	292 86
			<u>\$1458 37</u>

FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

1896.		DR.	
Aug.	.	To amt. charged off by order Synod	\$ 10 00
Dec.	3.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treas.	95 00
1897.			
Feb.	6.	To amt. paid same	60 00
May	4.	To amt. paid F. V. N. Painter, Secy., by E. A. Shenk	4 00
May	25.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treas.	100 00
July	28.	To amt. paid F. V. N. Painter, Secy.	50 00
Aug.	13.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treas	100 30
			<u>\$419 30</u>

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

1896.		DR.	
Aug.	.	To amt. overpaid by Treas., last report	\$ 17 14
Aug.	.	To amt. charged off by order Synod	4 00
1897.			
May	26.	To amt. paid L. S. Walker, Treas., salary	50 00
Aug.	6.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treas., interest on loan to Aug. 7, 1896	180 00
Aug.	9.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., printing and distributing Minutes	82 38
Aug.	12.	To amt. paid for postage for past year	5 00
			<u>\$338 52</u>
1897.		CR.	
Aug.	13.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	\$ 29 48

FROM NORFOLK MISSION FUND.

1896.		DR.	
Dec.	28.	To amt. paid J. E. Cooper, Treas. U. S. South	\$ 97 00
1897.			
May	25.	To amt. paid same	213 00
Aug.	13.	To amt. paid same	151 22
			<u>\$461 22</u>
1897.		CR.	
Aug.	13.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	\$ 10 00

FROM FUNDS FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOLS FOR HOME MISSIONS
UNDER CONTROL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SYNOD.

1896.		DR.	
Aug.	.	To amt. paid Home Mission Fund by order Synod	\$300 00
Nov.	17.	To amt. paid J. E. Cooper, Treas., for envelopes and postage	4 86
			<u>\$304 86</u>
1897.		CR.	
Aug.	13.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	\$247 89

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS,

Including Amounts on Hand at Last Settlement.

1897.		DR.	CR.
Aug. 13.	By amt. recd. from Beneficiary Education		\$ 248 04
Aug. 13.	To amt. paid out from same	\$ 155 00	
Aug. 13.	By amt. recd. for Foreign Missions . .		1773 93
Aug. 13.	To amt. paid out for same	1773 93	
Aug. 13.	By amt. recd. for Home Missions . . .		1458 37
Aug. 13.	To amt. paid out for same	1458 37	
Aug. 13.	By amt. recd. for Orphans' Home . . .		419 30
Aug. 13.	To amt. paid out for same	419 30	
Aug. 13.	By amt. recd. for Synodical Fund . . .		368 00
Aug. 13.	To amt. paid out for same	338 52	
Aug. 13.	By amt. due Synod Synodical Foreign Mission Fund		163 48
Aug. 13.	To amt. invested in S. C. B. and L. Assn.	163 48	
Aug. 13.	By amt. recd. for Norfolk Mission . . .		471 22
Aug. 13.	To amt. paid out for same	461 22	
Aug. 13.	By amt. recd. for Home Missions from Sunday-schools		552 75
Aug. 13.	To amt. paid out for same	304 86	
Aug. 13.	By amt. recd. for salary Prof. Seminary		208 23
Aug. 13.	To amt. paid out from said fund . . .	_____	
Aug. 13.	By amt. due different funds by Treasurer	588 64	
		\$5663 32	\$5663 32

1897. ^{CR.}

Aug. 13. By amt. due all funds by Treasurer . . \$ 588 64

1897.

The above balance is made up as follows:

Aug. 13.	By amt. due Beneficiary Education . . .	\$ 93 04	
Aug. 13.	By amt. due Synodical Fund	29 48	
Aug. 13.	By amt. due Seminary Fund	208 23	
Aug. 13.	By amt. due Executive Committee on funds from Sunday-schools	247 89	\$588 64
Aug. 13.	By amt. due Norfolk Mission	10 00	

I have invested the Synodical Foreign Missionary
Fund in Shenandoah County Building and Loan
Assn. certificates, and the amount invested is . .

\$163 48

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER,

TREAS. EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

ADDENDUM TO TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts were received by the Treasurer during the meeting of Synod, and the said sums will be credited in report for next year, viz. :

Bethany church, Rev. J. W. Shuey : Synodical Fund, \$3 ;	
Home Missions, \$8 ; Foreign Missions, \$18 ; Beneficiary	
Education, \$3 ; Orphans' Home, \$6.38 ; total	\$38.38
Madison, Rev. W. P. Huddle : W. H. & F. M. S., \$25.26 ; spe-	
cial collection, \$14.74—Norfolk Mission	40.00
Buena Vista, Rev. R. A. Helms : Home Missions	1.00
Mt. Tabor, Rev. C. A. Marks : Home Missions from Sunday-	
school, \$1.10 ; Foreign Missions, \$4.35 ; total	5.45
	\$84.83

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER, TREASURER.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—Rev. H. F. Scheele.

Vice-President—Rev. C. H. Rockey.

Secretary—Rev. L. L. Smith.

Treasurer—Mr. L. S. Walker.

On motion, Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, and Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., of the East Pennsylvania Synod, were received as advisory members ; and Rev. J. R. Graham, D. D., of Kent Street Presbyterian church, Winchester, Va., Rev. W. A. Crawford of the Presbyterian church, Kernstown, Va., and Mr. W. P. Houseal of the Lutheran *Visitor*, Newberry, S. C., were invited to seats within bar of Synod.

Resolved, That the sessions of Synod be from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and from 2.30 to 5 p. m.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Morehead.

SECOND SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,

AUGUST 18, 1897—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. L. K. Probst. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

No. 1. *President's Report*.—Revs. C. A. Marks, C. E. Hershberger, and Capt. A. H. Wilson.

No. 2. *Secretary's Report*.—Revs. C. A. Freed, E. C. Cronk, and Mr. S. T. Shank.

No. 3. *Treasurer's Report*.—Messrs. C. W. Heater, J. A. Singer, and W. D. Rock.

No. 4. *Apportionment and Appropriations*.—Revs. W. J. Smith, J. A. Morehead, W. P. Huddle, and Mr. N. F. Snarr.

No. 5. *Minutes of Last Synod*.—Revs. J. W. Strickler, A. A. J. Bushong, and Mr. P. J. Williams.

No. 6. *State of the Church*.—Revs. J. M. Schreckhise, D. W. Files, and Mr. M. McKee.

No. 7. *Education and Church Literature*.—Revs. D. P. T. Crickenberger, J. W. Strickler, and Mr. John E. Cale.

No. 8. *Vacant Congregations*.—Rev. G. E. Shuey, Rev. Asa Richard, and Mr. J. J. Shuey.

No. 9. *Minutes of Conference*.—Rev. P. Miller, Rev. Ed. L. Folk, and Rev. D. W. Michael.

No. 10. *Letters and Petitions*.—Revs. C. H. Rockey, E. A. Shenk, J. E. Shenk, and Messrs. W. A. Freed and J. C. Utz.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The customary and regular credentials of Rev. W. P. Huddle of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, Rev. J. C. McGauchey of the Nebraska Synod, Rev. E. C. Cronk of the Southwestern

Virginia Synod, and Rev. C. E. Hershberger of the Holston Synod, placed into the hands of your committee, have been carefully examined, and the following action recommended :

Resolved, That these brethren be now regularly received into this body, and that we extend to them a cordial welcome, and ask the blessing of God upon their labors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
H. F. SCHEELÉ,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE.

On motion, Rev. J. B. Stonesifer of the Reformed church, Winchester, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS, &C.

Parochial Reports and Reports on the State of the Church were read, and handed to the Secretary.

Pending the consideration of the first item of the Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions, the Synod adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.

THIRD SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,
AUGUST 19, 1897—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Schreckhise.
Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Parochial Reports and Reports on the State of the Church were read, and handed to the Secretary.

LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

The partial Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was considered and adopted. [See full Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions, item 1.]

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to forward to the President of the Tennessee Synod the official facts presented.

On motion, Rev. C. E. Keller, of Akron, Ohio, and Rev.

J. H. Turner, of Lutherville, Md., were received as advisory members.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STAUNTON FEMALE SEMINARY.

TO THE VIRGINIA SYNOD OF THE EVANG. LUTHERAN CHURCH :

We, your committee, have met on this subject various times during the past year, and have given the subject our careful investigation. By investigation, we discover in the will of Mr. Beard the following facts, viz.: "I am much interested in Staunton Female Seminary, now conducted by Rev. Prof. Jas. Willis, purchased by a bond in order to meet payments, I have paid to said Seminary fund about \$3,425 more or less (I have not the books at hand), which amount I design to leave there for the benefit of said Seminary, the interest of the same to go to my beloved wife, C. J. Beard, and at her death the interest to be used to aid poor girls in getting an education, those belonging to the Lutheran church to have the preference. Should the Seminary on this provision fail then the money is to be used as directed in that portion of my will drawn in 1887."

WILL OF 1887.

One-half thereof I devise and bequeath to Roanoke College and their successors in office, and the other half to the Directors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the General Synod, &c., at Gettysburg, Pa.

We find further that the Board now controlling the said Seminary make as the lowest proposition for the Synod to purchase said property the sum of \$8,663.15 with interest on same from Sept. 15, 1897.

In view of these facts, your committee must report this proposition as unadvisable for the Synod's acceptance. We offer the following resolutions, viz. :

Resolved, 1. That we regret that the facts do not warrant the Synod to take any action committing them to this proposition.

Resolved, 2. That the Synod of Virginia pledge its loyal and hearty co-operation and support to any individual or individuals who can or will arrange to reopen said Seminary, on such a basis as will be acceptable to this body.

Resolved, 3. That this Synod, deeply interested, and realizing the vast importance for the present and future of the education of our daughters, when ever a practical and reasonable plan can be offered for its acceptance to accomplish this great end, stands ready to give its moral and organized support.

Resolved, 4. That during the coming year this subject be committed to the President and the Executive Committee of Synod, and whenever they have a practical plan presented to them to reopen said Seminary, they be instructed to call a special meeting of Synod for its consideration.

L. L. SMITH,
D. P. T. CRICKENBERGER,
L. S. WALKER,
H. S. WUNDER.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 2—ON SECRETARY'S
REPORT.**

The Report of the Secretary has been examined, and your committee find that the duties of the office have been discharged in a clear, business-like way. Recommendations are submitted as follows :

I. That the annual reports printed before this meeting have been found advantageous, and the contract for printing Minutes made by the Secretary be ratified by this body.

II. That an order be granted on the treasury for the sum of \$2 to pay necessary expenses of this office.

III. That the Secretary extend the thanks of this body to the B. & O. R. R., Southern R. R., N. & W. R. R., for reduced rates given for this convention.

IV. That the President and Secretary be authorized to secure ordination certificates at a reasonable cost, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay for same out of synodical fund.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. FREED,
E. C. CRONK,
S. T. SHANK.

On motion, Rev. H. M. White, D. D., of Winchester, and Rev. W. S. Campbell of the Virginia Bible Society were invited to seats within the bar of Synod.

On motion, Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., of Roanoke College was received as an advisory member of this body.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 3—ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, submit the following :

After a full and careful examination of the report of Mr. L. S. Walker, Treasurer of the Virginia Synod, they find the same correct to the best of their knowledge. The Treasurer's Report shows that the interest on the Seminary loan was paid up to August 7, 1896. It will, therefore, require that the Synod must apportion \$240 for the two (2) years interest which will be due by next meeting of Synod, and this item be referred to the Appropriation Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. HEATER,
WM. D. ROCK,
JOHN A. SINGER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The old Executive Committee of Synod was re-elected.
[See calendar, page 2.]

VIRGINIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

Rev. W. S. Campbell, Secretary of the Virginia Bible Society, made an instructive and entertaining address.

On motion, a committee was appointed to consider what co-operation should be taken between this body and said society. Committee—Revs. J. A. Morehead, W. L. Seabrook, and Mr. N. I. Kagey.

On motion, Rev. J. S. Koiner of the Tennessee Synod was received as an advisory member of this body.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,

AUG. 19, 1897—2.30 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. W. P. Huddle. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. R. A. Helms and Mr. W. D. Rock were excused from further attendance on this convention after this afternoon's session.

On motion, Rev. P. L. Miller, of East Ohio Synod, was received as an advisory member.

The following report was read, amended, and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 5—ON MINUTES OF LAST SESSION.

Item 1, page 21. Were the committees appointed? No, but the action was reaffirmed, and the President of Synod was made chairman. Committee: Revs. H. F. Scheele, L. L. Smith, W. L. Seabrook.

Item 2, page 27. Resolution on change of constitution. Passed.

Item 3, page 32. Were the offerings for Synodical Home Missions taken by each Sunday-school? Yes and no.

Item 4. Were the pledges to Norfolk Mission all paid? Very nearly all.

J. W. STRICKLER,
A. A. J. BUSHONG,
P. J. WILLIAMS.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That chapter viii., section 1 of the Constitution of the Virginia Synod, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. It shall be the duty of each pastorate to select a delegate to represent it in the meetings of Synod. It shall be the duty of the council of each congregation or church to appoint a delegate to represent it in the meetings of conference.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK OF VIRGINIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

We, your committee, appointed to consider Bible Society of Virginia interests, beg leave to present the following resolutions in regard thereto for your action:

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with pleasure the address of Rev. W. S. Campbell, Secretary and General Agent of Virginia Bible Society, regarding the vital interests which he represents.

Resolved, 2. That we heartily endorse the Bible Society's work, commend it to the pastors and congregations of this body, and we advise that, where practicable, offerings be received for the aid of this work.

J. A. MOREHEAD,
W. L. SEABROOK,
N. I. KAGEY.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCE.

The Southern and Potomac Conferences, composing the Virginia Synod, each held two meetings during the last synodical year:

Rev. C. A. Freed is president and Rev. E. A. Shenk, secretary, and Rev. C. A. Marks the treasurer of the *Southern Conference*. A clear and full record has been kept of the proceedings of these meetings. The clerical roll shows fifteen members with an average attendance of twelve lay-delegates. Four clerical members have come into this conference since the last meeting of Synod.

The Potomac Conference is composed of eleven ministers, and has an average attendance of ten lay-delegates. Rev. W. J. Smith is president; Rev. Asa Richard, secretary; and Rev. J. A. Snyder, treasurer. Nothing of special interest to Synod is recorded in the minutes. The matter of an associate pastor for Capon pastorate has been referred to the proper committee.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MILLER,
ED. L. FOLK,
D. W. MICHAEL,
COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. P. Houseal, managing editor of the *Lutheran Visitor*, was invited to present the claims of the paper, which he did in a happy and felicitous manner.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 8—ON VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Your Committee on Vacant Pastorates report the following vacancies:

The Shenandoah and Smithfield pastorates are vacant. Your committee recommend that the President of Synod aid these vacant churches in securing preaching until they can secure the services of a regular pastor.

The Fairview congregation is supplied by Rev. Asa Richard. We recommend that he continue to supply them for the present.

GEO. E. SHUEY,
ASA RICHARD,
JOHN J. SHUEY,
COMMITTEE.

Adjourned to meet as a Ministerium. Benediction by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D.

FIFTH SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,
AUG. 20, 1897—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Marks. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Hebron church, Madison pastorate, Rev. W. P. Huddle, pastor, as the place, and Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock, before the fourth Sunday in August, 1898, as the time for the next convention of Synod.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee have examined the Report of the President, and find it a concise statement of his official acts during the past year. It is gratifying to find our pastorates so supplied and the work of the Synod in such an excellent condition that but few recommendations are necessary. The attention of Synod will be called to papers relative to the Capon pastorate by the Committee on Letters and Petitions. Action has already been taken relative to the only vacancy in the Synod, the Shenandoah pastorate. It remains simply for the committee to remind the Synod that delegates should be elected to the approaching convention of the United Synod, at Newberry, S. C., May 18, 1898. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. MARKS,
C. E. HERSHBERGER,
A. H. WILSON.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee found it difficult to present the facts which should come in a general report on the state of the church from the diversified character of the facts presented in the individual reports. After duly weighing facts, as given by each pastor, we summarize them under two general heads : *first*, the discouraging features of church work and church growth ; *secondly*, the encouraging features of this work, the latter largely predominating. Some of these discouraging features grow out of human depravity, and are incident to the church

militant here on earth, and we must expect them in the present state of things. Others may be, and no doubt will be, removed as the church advances in enlightenment, grace, and consecration to the Master's service. What the world needs today is an enlightened, active, consecrated Christianity. This would solve most of the social and many of the political problems of the day. But let us turn to the encouraging features of the church work which indicate her growth spiritually. One sign of encouragement given in the reports is that all of the reports almost without exception state good attendance upon the preached word and the sacraments of the church, God's own appointed means of conveying the Holy Spirit, the divine agent in human redemption. Another is the interest in Sabbath-school work and in catechetical instruction. A great deal has been said about reaching the masses, but after all the best way is perhaps through the children. One of the great duties of the church is to heed the admonition of our Savior, "Feed my lambs." Another sign of encouragement is that the apportionments of Synod have been nearly met. Though if possible the stringencies of the times have increased, there is much less deficiency than last year. Without a desire to make an invidious distinction we note with pleasure the encouraging reports coming from our mission churches at Richmond, Norfolk, and Harrisonburg. We make this distinction because they are churches of this character, and should encourage us in our home mission efforts. Another sign of encouragement is the good done by the women of the church wherever societies have been formed by them, and we recommend that like societies be formed in all of our churches as a most efficient auxiliary in carrying forward the benevolent operations of the church. Other encouraging signs are the almost universal use of Lutheran literature in Sunday-schools and the circulation of church papers in the family, and in some pastorates improvements made in houses of worship, rendering them more churchly and more comfortable and inviting.

As a whole we therefore conclude, comparing the dark with the bright side, that whilst there has been no marked advancement, there has been a steady growth and development, indicating that we are reaching forth for a higher plane of spiritual life.

J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
D. W. FILES,
MAYBERRY MCKEE.

Resolved, That the delegates to the United Synod be elected tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions, presented the work of the Board of the United Synod.

PLEDGES FOR NORFOLK MISSION FOR 1898.

Madison pastorate	\$ 60 00
Emmanuel Church, Woodstock	50 00
Rev. W. L. Seabrook	150 00
Rev. W. J. Smith	10 00
Rev. C. H. Rockey	25 00
Mt. Jackson pastorate	47 ¹ / ₂ 00
Rev. D. W. Michael	5 00
Rev. C. A. Freed	10 00
Rev. P. Miller	10 00
Trinity church, Stephens City	10 00
Mt. Tabor	25 00
Harrisonburg	10 00
Rev. J. H. Turner	10 00
J. A. Singer	25 00
J. A. Alexander	25 00
N. I. Kagey	10 00
St. Paul's, Strasburg	25 00
St. Peter's, Tom's Brook	25 00

Resolved, That these pledges be published in the Minutes, and that the pastors and congregations not making pledges be directed to present the subject when they return home and secure the largest amount possible to liquidate the balance needed for the full amount.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. G. McGauchey.

SIXTH SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,

AUGUST 20, 1897—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Shuey. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

SPEAKERS FOR 1898.

The President announced the following speakers for next convention of Synod:

Ordination—Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.

Education—Rev. C. A. Freed.

Missions—Rev. C. A. Marks.

UNIFORM PAROCHIAL BLANKS.

Resolved, That this Synod memorialize the United Synod to adopt a uniform blank for the use of the several district synods.

Pending the consideration of the Report on Letters and Petitions, the special order was taken up and the following report adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CHURCH LITERATURE.

From the catalogue of Roanoke College and the report of President Dreher, we learn with pleasure of the continued prosperity of that excellent institution. We note the encouraging fact that while "many leading institutions, including two in Virginia, decreased" in their enrollment, Roanoke College despite the depression of the times had an increase over former years, enrolling 170 students representing fourteen States and two foreign countries. We note also that notwithstanding the stringency of finances quite a substantial gift was received by the college for the endowment of a scholarship. These facts with many others testify to the increasing efficiency and usefulness of Roanoke College, and commend it to our hearty support and earnest co-operation.

Recognizing the great need of educated young men in all the vocations of life, and particularly in the holy office of the ministry, and the high moral and Christian character of Roanoke College, as well as the advantages she offers, we would urge upon the members of this Synod the pressing duty of greater activity in presenting the claims of Roanoke College and in enlarging its usefulness by increasing its number of students.

FEMALE EDUCATION.

It is with feelings of commingled shame and sorrow that we note that there is within the bounds of this Synod and under its control no school where our daughters may be educated for more efficient service in the church. And it is with painful regret that we have nothing hopeful to report in this direction. It should be the earnest desire and prayer of every member of the Synod both clerical and lay, that the Lord may open the way by which we may be able to establish and maintain a good female school under the auspices of this Synod in which our daughters may be trained under the wholesome atmosphere and pure doctrines of our holy Christianity.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

As is well known to us all our United Synod has a Theological Seminary, located at Newberry, S. C., and under the efficient man-

agement of Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D. D. A brief report of that institution has been placed in our hands. We note with pleasure and gratitude that "the health of professors and students has been generally good, so that the work could be prosecuted without any material interruption," and that "the outlook for the coming year is quite encouraging." The urgent need of the Seminary at present is a second professor. We recommend that this Synod take any action which in your judgment you may deem wise and best, looking toward the accomplishment of this end.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

A very wise action was taken at our last Synod, looking toward the establishing and maintaining of parochial schools. We trust this wise resolution may be carried into effect, and to this end would recommend that it be reaffirmed.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

We note with pleasure the marked improvement of *The Visitor*, and are pleased to know that its merits are being more generally recognized and its influence widened as is evidenced by its increased circulation. Recognizing that the denominational paper is a great and almost indispensable power for good in the church, and that that power can be a real good only so long as the paper abides distinctively and faithfully to the doctrines and faith of the church, it becomes the church's duty to aid in the accomplishment of this good by concentrating our efforts on our denominational paper and by aiding in the wider circulation of the same.

D. P. T. CRICKENBERGER,
J. W. STRICKLER,
JOHN E. CALE.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, made an interesting address on the work of the Seminary, and what it is doing for the Southern church, and its present needs, and Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., spoke of the interests of Roanoke College, and its need, and made an able address on the educational problem confronting us.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That Synod reaffirm its action of last year assuming its share of the support of the second professor in the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. E. C. Cronk.

SEVENTH SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,
AUGUST 21, 1897—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D.
Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was taken up and considered, pending which the order set for 10 o'clock was considered, and the following delegates elected to the United Synod, to be held at Newberry, S. C., May 18, 1898:

CLERICAL.

*Principal.**Alternates.*

Rev. H. F. Scheele	Rev. C. A. Marks.
Rev. W. L. Seabrook	Rev. J. A. Morehead.
Rev. L. L. Smith	Rev. D. P. Crickenberger.
Rev. C. H. Rocky	Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.
Rev. W. J. Smith	Rev. J. M. Schreckhise.
Rev. J. E. Shenk	Rev. C. A. Freed.
Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.	Rev. P. Miller.

LAY.

*Principal.**Alternates.*

J. E. Cooper	N. I. Kagey.
C. W. Heater	J. C. Utz.
J. A. Alexander	A. Koiner.
L. S. Walker	A. H. Wilson.
G. M. Beltzhooover	J. A. Singer.
H. S. Wunder	J. M. Baylor.
H. L. Snyder	J. W. Eberly.

THANKS.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered the Grace congregation and their efficient pastor for their most cordial hospitality extended to us during our pleasant sojourn among them, and that this resolution be read by the President at the service Sunday evening.

MINUTES.

The Secretary was authorized to have 1500 copies of Minutes of this convention printed and distributed.

BROWNTOWN CHURCH.

A motion was carried to call roll of Synod and take pledges for the new church at Browntown, Warren county, and pledges be printed in the Minutes :

Rev. C. A. Marks	\$ 5 00
Rev. L. L. Smith	10 00
Rev. W. L. Seabrook	30 00
Rev. C. H. Rockey	5 00
Rev. D. P. Crickenberger	5 00
Rev. H. F. Scheele	5 00
Rev. Asa Richard	5 00
Rev. J. E. Shenk	5 00
Rev. C. A. Freed	5 00
Rev. D. W. Files	5 00
Rev. W. P. Huddle	5 00
Mr. J. C. Utz	5 00
Mr. Wm. Linchburg	5 00
Mr. M. McKee	2 00

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. P. Miller.

EIGHTH SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,

AUGUST 21, 1897—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Shenk. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. Chas. S. Trump of the Maryland Synod was made an advisory member.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee respectfully reports that organization was effected by the election of Rev. W. J. Smith, president, and Rev. W. L. Seabrook, secretary.

The attention of Synod is called to the following items :

First. The congregation at Buena Vista has been served during the past year by Rev. R. A. Helms. His salary has been \$350—\$200 paid by the congregation and \$150 by the Synod. The congregation wishes to retain his services during the present year, and recognizing

the insufficiency of his salary, pledges \$20 per month to his support, and requests the Synod to increase its appropriation for the salary of the missionary. Though there has been little if any progress in the work at Buena Vista during the year, we recommend that as large a sum be appropriated for the support of the missionary at that point as may be deemed expedient by the Synod.

Second. Harrisonburg Mission : While the progress of the work at Harrisonburg has not been as satisfactory as could be desired, the missionary has labored faithfully, and the condition of the work is hopeful. We recommend the appropriation of \$275 per annum to the support of the missionary.

Third. Newport News : Your committee has not had the opportunity of personal investigation, but from reliable information is convinced that the interests of the church call for the early occupation of this field. Notwithstanding this fact, we regard it as unwise for the Synod to undertake the work at this time, believing that it is of greater importance that we should, during the coming year, discharge our full obligation to the Board of Missions of the United Synod, completing the payment of the \$2,500 pledged to the Norfolk work if possible.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That \$100 be appropriated to Buena Vista mission, provided that the President, after a personal investigation, certifies his approval to the Executive Committee when payments shall begin ; but, if in the President's judgment such support should not be given, this appropriation becomes null and void.

SOUTH VIEW ORPHANAGE.

Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Secretary, presented the claims of the South View Orphanage, and submitted the following report :

REPORT ON THE ORPHAN HOME.

The Home has been blessed in its work another year. The addition to the building was completed last fall, and affords the room and conveniences of a well-conducted orphanage. The entire property of seven acres has been enclosed, and is under cultivation. The Home has cared for twenty-six children the past year, whose health and progress have in every way been gratifying. Four of the older girls united with the church at Easter. The internal management of the Home has been economical, and the cost for each child will not exceed fifty dollars. The general interest in the Home is steadily growing, as manifested in increasing gifts and contributions. By the

will of the late Miss Mary Emily Swartz, of Shenandoah county, the Home received a bequest amounting probably to \$750. The work of the Home has reached a stage of development when it needs the care of a resident superintendent. Steps have been taken to secure this desirable arrangement, which will mark a new era in our orphan work. No debt has been made for current expenses; but the first payment on the property (\$500) will be due in September; and to raise this sum, the Board have authorized an early appeal to the church and friends of the Home. The policy of the Home is to give the children a good elementary and religious training, and then to place them in positions to learn a trade or earn an independent livelihood. In this responsible work the Home needs, not only a continuation of your material support, but a larger place in your sympathy and prayers.

F. V. N. PAINTER, SECRETARY.

The following report was adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions would present the following report:

I. There have been placed in our hands the following papers:

1. A petition from the Evangelical Lutheran church of Luray, Va., praying for admission into this Synod. This petition comes signed by every member of the congregation.

2. A copy of the letter to the President of the Tennessee Synod, stating to him the fact that they have withdrawn from the Tennessee Synod, and giving full and satisfactory reasons for such action.

3. A letter from the secretary of the Luray congregation, certifying to the action taken by the congregation as above stated.

We would recommend that—

WHEREAS, 1. The Luray congregation has already entirely withdrawn from the Tennessee Synod; and

WHEREAS, 2. The petition for admission comes to us signed by every member of the Luray congregation; and

WHEREAS, 3. No recognition of the letter of the pastor of the Luray congregation to the President of the Tennessee Synod has been given to such letter; and

WHEREAS, 4. The constitution adopted by the Luray congregation is entirely in harmony with the constitution of the Virginia Synod; therefore, we unanimously recommend that the petition of the congregation be granted, and the Luray congregation be received as a member of this Synod.

II. A petition from the Spring Valley congregation in connection

with the Tennessee Synod comes to us through action of the Southern Conference of this Synod, praying for admission into our Synod. We would recommend that for the reason (1) that this petition is not accompanied with a copy of the constitution of the said congregation, and (2) that a letter of dismission having been applied for from the President of the Tennessee Synod; therefore, the request of the petitioners be not refused, but referred to the Southern Conference, awaiting the action of the Tennessee Synod, and the presentation to said conference of a copy of the constitution of said church.

III. A petition from the pastor and delegates of the Bethlehem and St. Mark's congregations of Page county, asking that these two congregations constitute one charge under the name and title of Luray pastorate. This request being in pursuance to unanimous action taken in regular congregational meetings of said congregations, we recommend that the petition be granted.

IV. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church of Stephens City, Va., and Ebenezer Lutheran church of Browntown, Va., have united and become one pastorate. The petition asks that Synod ratify the action of said congregations, and that the charge be named the Stephens City pastorate. We recommend that the above action be ratified and the name be given as requested.

V. A letter from Rev. W. H. Berry, asking for excuse in non-attendance upon this session of Synod, his reason being the death of his sister. We recommend that the brother be excused, and the sympathy of Synod be extended him in his bereavement.

VI. A letter from the Rev. H. E. Bailey, a former member of this Synod, stating that the Pleasant View congregation which he served was still in arrears in the salary promised him while pastor of said church, and that no efforts are being made to balance the account, although faithfully promised. He asks the kindly offices of Synod to assist him in securing an amicable settlement of arrearages. We recommend that the President of Synod be requested to correspond with the above congregation, urging full and satisfactory settlement of all claims to former pastor.

VII. A petition from the Shenandoah pastorate came to us, asking for the appropriation of \$100 by Synod to assist them in the support of a pastor. We recommend that the appropriation be made on condition that the said pastorate secure a permanent pastor, and such appropriation begin when such permanent pastor takes charge of the work, and the appropriation be at the rate of \$100 per year.

VIII. A petition also from the Capon pastorate, asking means for this synodical year to enable them to employ an assistant in the pastorate. This petition comes through the Potomac Conference, and is based upon the wideness of the field covered by the Capon pastorate,

and the opportunities for the development of the work of our church in that territory. We recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to use for this purpose any unappropriated funds received during the year, and that the Executive Committee be instructed to make the effort to supplement the same by seeking personal subscriptions, the whole amount to be expended not to exceed \$200.

IX. A petition from Browntown congregation, asking for an appropriation of \$200 for one year to assist them in their work in this their infancy. We recommend that the opportunity be given members of Synod to give individual or congregational pledges for this congregation.

X. A paper from the W. C. T. U., asking that the Virginia Synod set apart by resolution the fourth Sabbath of November to be known as "Temperance Sabbath." We recommend that while we recognize the growing importance of the temperance question in this our land, yet that the pastors of Synod use their individual discretion in dealing with the question at such times and in such manner as they may deem prudent.

XI. A letter from the President of the Tennessee Synod speaks of the alienation of some of the churches of the Tennessee Synod and protesting against the same. We therefore recommend that for the development of the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace we urge all our ministers, as they have not in the past, do not in the future, use their influence to interfere with the synodical relations of congregations.

XII. A letter from the President of the Anti-Saloon League of America, calling attention to the fact that a national convention of this league has been called to meet in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on the 11th of January, 1898, and respectfully petition the kindly co-operation of the Virginia Synod by sending two delegates to represent this Synod in said convention. We recommend:

1. That in view of the fact that the saloon is an enemy of the country, its institutions and people; that statistics regarding crime, pauperism, and lunacy all reveal the startling fact that the liquor traffic is the one potent agency in their behalf; that every department of our life, whether religious, civil, or social, has felt the blighting and corrupting influences of this gigantic and organized evil; and that the Anti-Saloon League is a movement to deepen and crystallize public sentiment and unite the anti-saloon forces against this organized evil; therefore, we recommend that the Virginia Synod give its hearty endorsement of the purposes and plans of the American Anti-Saloon League.

C. H. ROCKEY,
J. E. SHENK,
J. C. UTZ,
E. A. SHENK.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

On motion, the Executive Committee were directed to apportion the sum of money needed for Synodical Home Missions among the Sunday-schools, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same on order of Executive Committee.

Adjourned to meet as a Ministerium. Benediction by Rev. D. P. Crickenberger.

NINTH SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,

AUGUST 21, 1897—5.30 P. M.

Synod convened. Minutes read and approved. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Files.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—APPROPRIATIONS AND APPORTIONMENT.

Your Committee on Appropriations would recommend the following:

FROM BENEFICIARY FUND.

For W. G. Shenk	\$ 150 00
For Chas. M. Foltz	125 00
	\$ 275 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

For printing and distributing Minutes	\$ 80 00
For salary of Secretary and expenses of office	27 00
For two years' interest on Seminary Fund	240 00
For Treasurer's salary	50 00
	\$ 397 00

FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

For South View Orphan Home	\$ 350 00
--------------------------------------	-----------

FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

For Harrisonburg	\$ 275 00
For Buena Vista	100 00
For United Synod Board	1426 00
For Shenandoah Pastorate	100 00
	\$1901 00

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

For United Synod Board for Foreign Missions	\$ 750 00
For United Synod Board for R. B. Peery	1050 00
	\$1800 00

APPORTIONMENTS.

PASTORATE.	Beneficiary Education.	Spec. Synodical Home Missionary Fund.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.
Bethany	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 18 00	\$ 9 00
Brandonville	11 25	12 00	10 50	40 00	25 00	12 50
Bethlehem	11 25	12 00	9 00	25 00	20 00	10 00
Buena Vista	3 00	3 00	4 50	12 00	10 00	5 00
Capon	6 00	00 00	9 00	32 00	20 00	10 00
Churchville	3 00	2 00	7 50	32 00	20 00	10 00
Gravel Springs	10 00	8 00	15 00	62 00	50 00	25 00
Harrisonburg	4 00	4 00	4 50	17 00	10 00	5 00
Lebanon	5 00	5 00	10 00	40 00	20 00	5 00
Luray { St. Mark's	2 00	2 00	3 00	9 00	6 00	6 00
Bethlehem	1 00	1 00	2 00	6 00	4 00	4 00
Madison { Pisgah	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Hebron	15 00	15 00	22 50	90 00	50 00	25 00
{ X Roads	3 00	3 00	4 50	20 00	5 00	5 00
Mt. Jackson { Mt. Calvary	4 00	4 00	7 50	30 00	25 00	5 00
Bethel	6 00	5 00	9 00	30 00	15 00	7 50
Mason	6 00	5 00	9 00	35 00	20 00	10 00
Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	4 00	3 00	4 50	20 00	10 00	5 00
St. Mark's	3 00	3 00	3 00	15 00	10 00	3 50
Mt. Tabor	10 00	10 00	16 50	60 00	40 00	15 00
New Market { St. Matthew's	10 00	10 00	10 50	45 00	20 00	7 50
St. Mark's	6 00	5 00	3 00	14 00	10 00	5 00
St. Martin's	6 00	5 00	3 00	14 00	10 00	5 00
Norfolk	3 00	4 00	7 50	10 00	10 00	5 00
Richmond	3 00	4 00	7 50	20 00	15 00	5 00
Rockingham	3 00	4 00	7 50	24 00	15 00	7 50
Shenandoah { Mt. Zion	3 00	3 00	3 00	15 00	15 00	2 50
St. Luke's	3 00	3 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	2 50
Shepherdstown	25 00	25 00	40 00	140 00	60 00	30 00
Staunton	15 00	15 00	22 50	70 00	40 00	20 00
Strasburg { St. Paul's	4 00	8 00	13 50	30 00	18 00	7 50
St. Peter's	4 00	8 00	7 50	25 00	15 00	7 50
Stephens City { Trinity	3 00	3 00	7 50	20 00	12 00	5 00
Ebenezer	1 00	1 00	4 50	8 00	5 00	2 50
Smithfield	3 00	2 00	3 00	12 00	10 00	2 50
Salem	7 00	7 00	10 50	42 00	30 00	7 50
Waynesboro	10 00	10 00	15 00	70 00	40 00	13 50
Winchester	35 00	40 00	75 00	225 00	1050 00	55 00
Woodstock	6 00	15 00	15 00	30 00	20 00	7 50
Pleasant View	3 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	3 00
	\$236 00	\$279 00	\$418 50	\$1429 00	\$1780 00	\$373 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SMITH,
W. P. HUDDLE,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
N. F. SNARR.

Adjourned. Benediction by President.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary of Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

MINUTES
OF THE
MINISTERIUM
OF THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

FIRST SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,

AUGUST 19, 1897—4 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Marks.

On motion, the President was directed to publish in the *Visitor* the final deposition from the ministry of the Lutheran church of C. N. A. Yonce, in view of the action of the last convention and his failure to respond to said action.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Shuey.

SECOND SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,

AUGUST 20, 1897—5 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

CHARGES AGAINST REV. J. W. S. SHEPPARD.

The Ministerium resolved that the committee appointed at last convention be instructed to investigate these charges at once and report their findings to the President of this Ministerium.

On motion, the name of Rev. J. C. McGauchey was substituted on said committee for Rev. W. L. Seabrook at the latter's request.

On motion, the President was directed to notify the President of the Holston Synod that charges are pending against Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, before this Ministerium.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee have discharged the duties committed to their care, and recommend :

First, That J. W. Shuey be ordained at the present convention of this Synod.

Secondly, That Mr. Charles Milton Foltz appear before the whole Ministerium for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
H. F. SCHEELE.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.

THIRD SESSION.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.,
AUGUST 21, 1897—4 P. M.

Ministerium convened.

CANDIDATE W. G. SHENK.

Resolved, That Candidate W. G. Shenk be recommended to Synod for an appropriation of \$150.

CANDIDATE C. M. FOLTZ.

Resolved, That Candidate C. M. Foltz be recommended to Synod for an appropriation of \$125.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. E. A. Shenk.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary of Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

DIVINE SERVICES.

GRACE CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1897.

8.00 P. M.—Opening Sermon. Rev. H. F. Scheele, Staunton, Va.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1897.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon and Communion. Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Harrisburg, Pa.

8.00 P. M.—Educational Sermon. Rev. D. P. Crickenberger, Luray, Va.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1897.

8.00 P. M.—Missions. Rev. J. E. Shenk, Norfolk, Va.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1897.

9.30 A. M.—Praise Service. Revs. C. E. Hershberger, Bridgewater, Va., G. E. Shuey, Harrisonburg, Va., and W. P. Huddle, Madison C. H., Va.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., New Market, Va.

3.00 P. M.—Sunday-school Addresses. Rev. C. A. Marks, Middlebrook, Va., Rev. H. F. Scheele, Staunton, Va., and Rev. E. A. Shenk, Waynesboro, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Ordination of Rev. J. W. Shuey. Sermon by Rev. E. L. Folk, Mt. Jackson, Va.

KENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1897.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Harrisburg, Pa.

LOUDOUN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1897.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. H. F. Scheele, Staunton, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. A. Freed, Middlebrook, Va.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, WINCHESTER, VA.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1897.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. E. Shenk, Norfolk, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. A. Marks, Middlebrook, Va.

BAPTIST CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1897.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. E. A. Shenk, Waynesboro, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. E. Hershberger, Bridgewater, Va.

REFORMED CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VA.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1897.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. H. Rockey, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. D. P. Crickenberger, Luray, Va.

FORM FOR REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

1. Activity in Christian Work.
2. Attendance on Service.
3. Benevolence.
4. Sunday-schools.
5. Catechisation.
6. Finances.
7. Church Property.
8. Education.
9. Church Literature.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

PASTORS NAME.	PASTORATES.	PAROCHIAL.										SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.										BENEVOLENCE.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
		LOSSES.			ACCESSIONS.			FINANCES.				No. Sunday-schools.			For Support of School and Home Objects.			For Benevolence.			Synodical Treasury.			Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Seminary Fund.			Beneficiary Education.			Woman's Miss. Soc.			Orphans' Home.			External Objects.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
		Churches.	Prayer Meetings.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Member-ship.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	For Support of School and Home Objects.	For Benevolence.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Seminary Fund.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Miss. Soc.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
		Stations.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							

INDEX.

	PAGE.
Advisory Members	13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 27
Apportionments	34
Appropriations	32-33
Buena Vista, Resolution about	28
Browntown Church, Pledges for	27
Capon Pastorate, Assistant for, &c.	30-31
Calendar 1897-98	2
Clerical Roll	3
Credentials, Report of Committee on	14-15
Conferences, Report of Committee on	19-20
Church Extension, Board of	2
Constitution, Amendment to, adopted	19
Delegates to United Synod	26
Divine Services	37-38
Election of Officers	13
Executive Committee, Report of	27-28
Executive Committee, Reelected	18
Education and Church Literature, Report of Committee on	24-25
Lay-Delegates, Roll of	4
Letters and Petitions, Report of Committee on	15, 29-31
Lutheran Visitor	20, 25
Minutes of Last Synod, Report of Committee on	19
Minutes, Printing of	7, 17, 26
Ministerium, Minutes of	35-36
Norfolk Pledges	23
President's Report	5-7
President's Report, Report of Committee on	21
Parochial Tables	39
Register	4
Roanoke College	24, 25
Secretary's Report	7-8
Secretary's Report, Report of Committee on	17
Speakers for Next Year	23
Standing Committees, List of	14
State of the Church, Report on	21-22
Sunday-school Offerings for Home Missions	32
St. Mark's Church, Luray, Reception of	29-30
Staunton Female Seminary, Report of Committee on	16-17
South View Orphanage, Report on	28-29
Thanks	26
Theological Seminary, United Synod, Resolution on	25
Time and Place of Next Convention	21
Treasurer's Report	9-13
Treasurer's Report, Report of Committee on	17-18
Uniform Parochial Blanks, Resolution on	24
Vacant Congregations, Report of Committee on	20
Virginia Bible Society, Action in regard to	18
Virginia Bible Society, Report of Committee on Work of	19

OFFICE ESTABLISHED 1806 BY REV. AMBROSE HENKEL.

PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS. **HENKEL & CO.,** PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS.

NEW MARKET, SHENANDOAH CO., VA.

Church Minute and School Catalogue Printing a Specialty.

Bibles sent post-paid at prices given. Stamps received.

Almanacs, Church 10
 "Answer to Joseph Moore, with a Few
 Fragments on the Doctrine of Justifica-
 tion," by Rev. David Henkel . . . 50c.
 "Biblical Exceptions to the Modern
 Evangelistic System," Crouse, 2d ed. 5c.
 "Book of Worship," sheep . . . 80c.
 Arabesque, 90; Arabesque, gilt, \$1.28.
 Prices for other styles upon application.
 "Baptism of Children," Greenwald, 25
 "Baptism, (Infant) and Infant Salva-
 tion in the Calvinistic System," by Rev.
 Dr. C. P. Krauth 75
 "Baptism, Sprinkling, the True Mode
 of," by Rev. Dr. Greenwald . . . 35
 "Bible Stories for Children," from
 Genesis to Revelation, illustrated, with
 over 200 full-page engravings and col-
 ored plates 1.75
 "Church Postil, or Sermons on the
 Epistles for the different Sundays and
 Festivals of the Church Year, by Luther,
 complete, 550 large pages, cloth . . \$1.75
 Same bound in sheep 2.00
 "Confirmation Certificates," doz., 36
 "Church Book, New Edition, with
 Common Service," &c., Roan Ara., \$1.00
 Roan Arabesque, gilt edges . . . 1.25
 Prices for other styles on application.
 "Common Service," words only, flex-
 ible covers, 20; stiff covers, 25; with
 music, flexible covers, 35; cloth, stiff
 covers, red edges 50
 "Conservative Reformation," &c., by
 Dr. Krauth 5.00
 "Catechism for Little Children," Rev.
 Crouse, 5th ed., per dozen . . . 45
 "Church Book," for Evang. Luth. con-
 gregations, with music, cloth . . . 2.00
 "Choir Leader"—A New Monthly,
 Devoted Entirely to the Choir; unsur-
 passed; a boon to choirs, per year . . 75
 "Children of the New Testament," by
 Rev. Dr. Stork, illus., gilt edges . . 1.00
 "Hymn, A New Collection of Sacred
 Music," by McIntosh 1.25
 "Immortality, Sermon on," by Rev.
 Dr. P. C. Henkel, 2d edition . . . 10
 "Immortality and Christ's Descent
 Into Hell, Sermon on," by Rev. Dr. P.
 C. Henkel, bound together, cloth . . 35
 "Idothea; or, The Divine Image, A
 Poem," by J. Salyards, A. M., cloth, 1.40

"Life of Prof. Jos. Salyards, Scholar
 and Poet," by Elon O. Henkel, hand-
 somely printed. 50
 "Life Thoughts for Young Men," by
 Rev. Dr. Rhodes, 340 pp. 1.25
 "Life Thoughts for Young Women,"
 by Rev. Dr. Rhodes, cloth 1.25
 "Infidelity, Cause and Cure of," by
 Rev. Dr. David Nelson, cloth, 400 pp. 90
 "Infant Church Membership—Bap-
 tism and The Mode of Christian Bap-
 tism," by Rev. Dr. P. C. Henkel, 90 large
 pages 35
 "Luther's Small Catechism," 5th ed. 15
 Per dozen, well bound 1.50
 "May Christians Dance?" by Rev. Dr.
 Brookes 60
 "Miracle in Stone," or the Great Pyr-
 amids of Egypt, by Rev. Seiss, D. D.,
 LL. D., 14th ed., 346 pp. 1.25
 "New Testament Conversions," by
 Rev. G. H. Gerberding, cloth, 283 pp., . 1.00
 "Our Church Paper," 28 cols., weekly,
 per year 1.00
 Photographs of the Holy Land,—a
 complete panorama of the Bible Land—
 large book, weighing over five pounds,
 by mail 2.50
 Poets—Red line, very handsomely
 bound in cloth, gilt edges, &c.,—Camp-
 bell, Dryden, Browning, Burns, Mere-
 dith, Tennyson, &c., each 80
 "Sunday-schools, Historical Sketches
 of," by Rev. Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D. . 10
 "Shenandoah Valley," Family and Lo-
 cal Newspaper, 28 cols., weekly, a yr. 1.00
 "Tennessee Synod, History of," by
 Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, 284 large pages. 1.50
 "Tabór, or The Richmond Collection
 of Sacred Music," by McIntosh . . 1.25
 "Way (The) of Salvation in the Lu-
 theran Church," by Rev. G. H. Gerber-
 ding, cloth, 240 pages 1.00
 "Leading Magazines, &c., clubbed with
 our papers at less than publishers' prices
 Name one desired.
 Job Printing—Letterheads, good qual-
 ity, printed, 100, 50 cts.; each additional
 100, 30 cts.; envelopes to match, same
 price. Church subscription envelopes,
 100, 25 cts.; each additional 100, 20 cts.

*Orders for any kind of Job
 Printing solicited, and promptly
 executed, at low prices.*

284.1

Ev 2v

v. 69

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD OF VIRGINIA,

HELD IN

Hebron Church, Madison County, Va.,

AUGUST 24-28, 1898.

HENKEL & CO.'S STEAM PRINTING HOUSE,
OFFICE OF OUR CHURCH PAPER, SHENANDOAH VALLEY, & C.
NEW MARKET, SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-NINTH CONVENTION
OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
SYNOD OF VIRGINIA,

HELD AT

Hebron Church, Madison County, Va.,

AUGUST 24-28, 1898.

HENKEL & CO.'S STEAM PRINTING HOUSE,
OFFICE OF OUR CHURCH PAPER, SHENANDOAH VALLEY, &C.
NEW MARKET, SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

THE LIBRARY OF THE

JUN 5 1945

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

REGISTER.

NUMBER.	PASTORATES.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Bethany	Bethany, Mt. Olive	Rev. J. W. Shuey.
2	Bethlehem	Bethlehem, Grace	Rev. E. A. Shenk.
3	Brandonville	St. John's, Luther Chapel, St. Peter's, Mt. Zion, St. Mark's	
4	Buena Vista	Trinity	Rev. R. A. Helms.
5	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter's, North River, St. James, Mt. Moriah	Rev. W. H. Riser.
6	Churchville	St. Peter's, Pleasant View, St. Paul	
7	Gravel Springs	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John, St. James	Rev. W. J. Smith.
8	Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	Rev. G. E. Shuey.
9	Lebanon	Lebanon, St. Paul	Rev. Asa Richard.
10	Madison	Hebron, Mt. Pisgah	Rev. W. P. Huddle.
11	Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, Cross Roads	Rev. Ed. L. Folk.
12	Mason	New Haven, New Hope, White, Zion	Rev. D. W. Files.
13	Middlebrook	Holy Trinity, Newport, St. Mark's	Rev. C. A. Freed.
14	Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	Rev. C. A. Marks.
15	New Market	St. Matthew's, St. Mark's, St. Martin	Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.
16	Norfolk	First Church	Rev. J. E. Shenk.
17	Luray	Bethlehem, St. Mark's	Rev. D. P. Crickenberger.
18	Richmond	First English Lutheran Church	Rev. J. A. Morehead.
19	Rockingham	Frieden's, St. John's, Trinity	Rev. C. F. Hershberger.
20	Shenandoah	Mt. Zion, St. Luke's	Rev. R. A. Longanecker.
21	Shepherdstown	St. Peter's	Rev. C. H. Rockey.
22	Staunton	Christ Evang. Lutheran Church	Rev. H. F. Scheele.
23	Stephens City	Trinity, Ebenezer	Rev. J. W. Strickler.
24	Strasburg	St. Paul's, St. Peter's	Rev. L. L. Smith.
25	Smithfield	Stone's Chapel, Gerardstown, Smithfield	Vacant.
26	Salem	Salem, Melancthon Chapel, St. James	Rev. J. C. McGaughey.
27	Zion-St. James	Zion, St. James	Rev. E. C. Cronk.
28	Winchester	Grace Church	Rev. W. L. Seabrook.
29	Woodstock	Emmanuel	Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.
30	Spring Valley	Spring Valley, Brownsburg	Rev. J. M. Shreckhise.
31	Page	St. Peter's	Rev. R. H. Cline.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Buena Vista, H. J. Quandt; Capon, C. H. Cline; Churchville, Jacob Crum; Madison, J. M. Fray; Mt. Jackson, P. M. S. Bird; Middlebrook, M. L. Arehart; Mt. Tabor, J. M. Baylor; New Market, N. S. Foltz; Luray, C. Bradley; Richmond, W. D. Bock; Rockingham, S. T. Shank; Shenandoah, Josiah Wisman; Shepherdstown, M. McKee; Staunton, W. F. Koiner; Stephens City, W. M. Lineburg; Strasburg, Cyrus Keister; Salem, J. S. Niswander; Waynesboro, Dr. R. F. Davis; Winchester, J. E. Cooper; Woodstock, J. Grove Kneisley; Spring Valley, D. B. Foltz; Lebanon, G. H. Snarr; St. Peter's, Shenandoah City, G. W. Kite.

The President, Rev. H. Frank Scheele, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In the providence of God we are permitted once more to gather together in synodical convention. We should give thanks, from hearts filled with gratitude, that the hand of Him who is the great Head of the Church, and "chief Bishop of our souls," has guided, and protected, and kept us safely through the vicissitudes of another year. It has been a year of exceptional quiet in our Synod, and I believe, as I trust our review of the year's work will demonstrate, one of increasing faithfulness in all good works. Such as it is, however, it has gone down upon the register of eternity. May the solemn fact that we are thus making records that can never be changed inspire us to greater fidelity and earnestness in the work to which the Master calls us. May God multiply our usefulness, and in blessing us make us a blessing to others in the year that is before us. And let us invoke his guidance in all the deliberations upon which we are about to enter, remembering that "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

The following is a summary of the official transactions of the President's office for the year:

I. RESIGNATIONS.

On September 29, 1897, Rev. W. H. Berry gave notice that he had resigned the Brandonville pastorate on September 1st, to take effect immediately.

On February 3, 1898, Rev. D. W. Michael gave notice that he had resigned the Capon pastorate, to take effect February 13, 1898.

On July 12, 1898, Rev. P. Miller gave notice that he had resigned the Churchville pastorate, to take effect August 21, 1898.

II. DISMISSIONS.

On February 10, 1898, Rev. D. W. Michael was given a certificate of dismissal from this Synod and recommended to the Pittsburgh Synod.

III. CALLS ACCEPTED.

On May 17, 1898, Mr. R. A. Longanecker, of the theological seminary at Gettysburg, gave notice that he had been called to the Shenandoah pastorate, and that he desired to be ordained as early as possible. His application for ordination awaits the action of the Ministerium at this meeting.

On July 11, 1898, Mr. Wilber H. Riser, of the theological seminary at Newberry, gave notice that he had been called to the Capon pastorate, and that he desired to be ordained at this meeting of Synod. His application awaits the action of the Ministerium.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

On September 26, 1897, Rev. C. E. Hershberger was regularly installed in the Rockingham pastorate. Rev. E. C. Cronk delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. E. A. Shenk the charge to the congregation.

On October 3, 1897, Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger was installed pastor of St. Mark's congregation, Luray. Rev. C. H. Rockey delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. L. L. Smith the charge to the congregation.

V. CORNER-STONE LAID.

On October 30, 1897, the corner-stone of the new St. James church of the Mt. Jackson pastorate, Rev. Ed. L. Folk, pastor, was laid according to the service in the Book of Worship. Rev. L. L. Smith preached the sermon, and conducted the service, assisted by the pastor.

VI. DEDICATIONS.

On September 12, 1897, Zion church of the Mason pastorate, Rev. D. W. Files, pastor, was dedicated. Rev. L. L. Smith preached the sermon, and conducted the service, assisted by the pastor.

On October 24, 1897, the new church at Browntown, Rev. J. W. Strickler, pastor, was dedicated. It is a handsome building erected at a cost of twenty-seven hundred dollars. Rev. C. H. Rockey preached the sermon, and assisted the pastor in the dedication service.

On May 29, 1898, St. James church of the Mt. Jackson pastorate, Rev. Ed. L. Folk, pastor, was dedicated. This is a new and commodious building erected at a cost of about one thousand and twenty-seven dollars. Rev. C. H. Rockey preached the sermon. Revs. J. A. Snyder, A. A. J. Bushong, and the pastor assisted in the dedication.

The Pleasant View church, Rev. P. Miller, pastor, was improved and enlarged at a cost of about two hundred dollars.

VII. VACANCIES.

Owing to the resignation of Rev. P. Miller, Churchville and Pleasant View are vacant. It will perhaps be necessary for Synod to assist these congregations in securing a pastor. These are the only vacancies in Synod at this time.

CONCLUSION.

The attention of Synod ought to be called to the growing demands for a church at Newport News. We doubt not the Board of Missions has been looking after this field so far as circumstances would permit; but missions cannot be established and buildings erected without means. It would be well we think for the Synod to curtail her expenditures, wherever practical, and be as careful in her appropria-

tions as possible, and concentrate her efforts for the next few years in the establishment of a church in this growing city. What was done in Norfolk can be repeated in Newport News. All indications point to this place as destined to become one of the important cities of the country. Its large shipbuilding interests are drawing there an immense population, and many of those who come are Lutherans. I trust that Synod will allow nothing to divert its attention from this place and its needs, but will see its way clear to begin work there very soon. There are other matters that might be referred to here, but which will come up in the reports of the various committees. Thanking the Synod for the uniform kindness I have received in the discharge of the duties thrice committed to my keeping, I return this sacred trust, and beg to submit therewith this report.

Very respectfully,

H. FRANK SCHEELER.

The Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary submits the following report for the past synodical year:

1. The Minutes were promptly printed by Henkel & Co., in most excellent style and workmanship. The cost of the 1500 copies, including postage, expressage, &c., was \$74.29. The exact cost of the Minutes less postage, express charges, &c., was \$66.80, and the latter items were \$7.49. The work was done satisfactorily and very expeditiously. The Secretary arranged for the usual advanced printed copies of the annual reports, which last year proved so valuable in the work of the Synod.

2. Reduced rates were secured for this convention over the B. & O., C. & O., and Southern railroads, and our thanks are due the said corporations.

3. The bill for postage, &c., in the discharge of the routine duties of the Secretary's office is \$2.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.

Hebron Church, Madison, Va., August 24, 1898.

The Treasurer, Mr. L. S. Walker, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

PASTORATE.

	BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.		SPECIAL SYNOODICAL HOME MISS. FUND.		SYNOCDICAL FUND.		HOME MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		ORPHANS' HOME.		NORFOLK MISSION.							
	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Total Apportionment.	Total Received.	Deficit.	Overpayments.		
Bethany	\$ 5 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 36 00	\$ 18 00	\$ 36 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 15 38			\$ 70 00	\$ 108 38		\$ 38 38		
Brandenburg	11 25	2 50	12 00	3 00	10 50	7 00	40 00	3 50	25 00	2 50	12 50	10 00			111 25	21 00		21 00		
Bethlehem	11 25	11 25	12 00	7 30	9 00	7 06	25 00	22 50	20 00	17 05	10 00	5 00			87 25	75 27	\$111 25			
Buena Vista	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 50	4 50	1 90	13 00	3 00	10 00	2 00	5 00	5 00			37 50	16 00	\$11 25			
Capon	6 00	3 00	8 00	1 50	9 00	1 90	32 00	2 50	20 00	2 00	10 00	5 00			90 00	4 50	85 50			
Churchville	2 00	3 00	2 00	4 31	7 50	3 75	32 00	62 00	20 00	8 50	10 00	10 46	\$ 5 00		82 50	37 24	47 26			
Gravel Springs	10 00	10 00	8 00	43 31	15 00	13 00	62 00	62 00	50 00	52 68	25 00	42 86	10 00	10 00	180 00	235 85		55 85		
Harrisonburg	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 50	4 50	17 00	17 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	54 50	96 00		11 00		
Lebanon	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	20 00	20 00	6 00	6 00			88 00	28 00				
Luray { St. Mark's	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	9 00	3 00	4 00	2 29	4 00	4 00			18 00	11 50	6 41			
Madison { Pisgah	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			6 00	6 00				
{ Hebron	15 00	1 00	15 00	1 00	22 50	10 60	90 00	80 00	50 00	55 00	35 00	20 00	60 00	105 00	277 50	270 00	7 50			
{ X Roads	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	4 50	6 50	20 00	5 23	25 00	20 00	5 00	1 00			40 50	18 76	21 74			
{ Mt. Calvary	4 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	7 50	7 50	30 00	38 90	13 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	47 50	10 00	122 50	92 50	30 50			
Mt. Jackson { Bethel	6 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	9 00	26 00	30 00	38 90	20 00	21 00	10 00	11 00			86 00	44 50	28 47			
Mason	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	9 00	11 00	35 00	36 00	18 00	10 00	5 00	5 00			40 50	52 65	12 55	6 00		
Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	4 00	4 00	3 00	2 15	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	3 50	3 04	10 00	10 00	47 50	34 97	22 45	6 15		
{ St. Mark's	3 00	1 25	3 00	2 15	3 00	1 50	15 00	6 48	33 54	37 69	15 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	105 00	170 45	32 45	5 45		
Mt. Tabor	8 33	8 33	33 33	9 43	15 00	15 00	60 00	60 00	20 00	22 79	7 50	2 75			43 00	20 13	30 01			
New Market { St. Matthew's	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 50	10 50	10 50	45 00	27 28	10 00	6 25	3 00	2 75			43 00	20 13	30 01			
{ St. Mark	6 00	4 65	5 00	5 50	3 00	2 00	14 00	6 35	10 00	6 64	5 00	5 00			39 50	46 50	7 00			
Norfolk	3 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	7 50	7 50	20 00	14 00	10 00	13 00	5 00	5 00			50 00	50 00		7 00		
Rockingham { Mt. Zion	3 00	5 00	4 00	14 00	7 50	7 50	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	7 50	13 05			54 50	74 50		3 40		
Shenandoah { St. Luke	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	15 00	22 00	15 00	15 00	2 50	2 50			41 50	11 50	30 00			
Shepherdstown	3 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	40 00	1 00	10 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 50	1 00			26 50	22 00	21 50			
Staunton { St. Paul	15 00	15 00	15 00	25 00	22 50	22 50	70 00	70 00	40 00	14 00	30 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	237 50	266 50	122 00	34 00		
Strasburg { St. Peter	4 00	4 00	8 00	18 00	13 50	13 50	30 00	30 00	18 00	27 00	7 50	24 50	25 00	25 00	106 00	146 50	10 00	40 50		
Stephens City { Trinity	4 00	4 00	8 00	18 00	7 50	7 50	25 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	66 50	83 75	4 00	3 25		
{ Ebenezer	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	4 50	4 50	8 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	15 00			22 00	34 50	12 50	12 50		
Salmon	3 00	7 00	2 00	7 00	10 50	10 00	42 40	38 95	30 00	30 00	7 50	10 00	10 00	10 00	114 00	105 95	32 50	8 05		
Waynesboro	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 50	15 00	15 00	70 00	70 00	40 00	40 00	13 50	13 50	150 00	150 00	158 50	189 00		51 50		
Winchester	35 00	35 00	40 00	70 21	75 00	95 95	225 00	225 00	105 00	105 00	55 00	55 00	50 00	50 00	1630 00	1681 17		114 20		
Woodstock	6 00	3 00	15 00	15 00	2 00	2 00	30 00	30 00	49 70	49 70	7 50	1 50			24 00	257 70				
Pleasant View	3 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 54	5 00	5 00	3 00	1 50			10 00	16 04	3 96			
Due by Treas. from last year	\$264 83	\$268 26	\$281 33	\$327 60	\$419 00	\$382 75	\$1433 00	\$1160 36	\$1777 34	\$1811 59	\$380 00	\$448 80	\$522 50	\$380 00	\$5078 00	\$4819 39	\$697 96	\$429 35		
	\$153 04	\$153 04	\$247 89	\$247 89	\$29 48	\$29 48										440 41				
	\$361 30		\$575 49		\$112 26								\$390 00		\$5259 80					

* \$60 of this amount returned by C. M. Foltz.

† This amount was paid by Rev. J. H. Turner.

EXPENDITURES MADE BY L. S. WALKER, TREASURER,
FROM THE DIFFERENT FUNDS FROM AUGUST
14, 1897, TO AUGUST 18, 1898.

FROM BENEFICIARY EDUCATIONAL FUND.

1897.	Dr.		
Sept. 22.	To amt. paid C. M. Foltz	\$	50 00
Sept. 25.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk		50 00
Nov. 19.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk		50 00
1898.			
Jan. 7.	To amt. paid C. M. Foltz, bal.		75 00
Jan. 26.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk, bal.		50 00
			<u>\$ 275 00</u>

1898.	Cr.		
Aug. 17.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	\$	86 30
	Of which sum C. M. Foltz returned \$60 when he became sick and left school.		

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1898.	Dr.		
April 15.	To amt. paid J. E. Cooper, Treas. United Synod, by Winchester	\$	1050 00
April 30.	To amt. paid same		450 00
April 30.	To amt. paid same by Shepherdstown (omitted)		50 00
May 3.	To amt. paid same by Waynesboro		7 00
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid same		319 44
			<u>\$1876 44</u>

1898.	Dr.		
Aug. 18.	To amt. overpaid and due Treasurer	\$	64 85

FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

1898.	Dr.		
April 30.	To amt. paid J. E. Cooper, Treas. United Synod	\$	800 00
May 3.	To amt. paid same by Waynesboro		9 00
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid same		377 97
			<u>\$1186 97</u>

1898.	Dr.		
Aug. 18.	To amt. overpaid and due Treasurer	\$	26 61

FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

1897.	Dr.		
Dec. 2.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treasurer	\$	65 20
Dec. 27.	To amt. paid for range		40 00

1898.			
Jan. 3.	To amt. paid Paul S. Davis, Treasurer	\$ 24 50	
Feb. 10.	To amt. paid same	100 00	
April 30.	To amt. paid same	100 00	
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid same	119 10	
			\$ 448 80

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

1897.		DR.	
Sept. 23.	To amt. paid L. L. Smith, Secretary	\$ 27 00	
Dec. 25.	To amt. paid L. S. Walker, Treas., ½ salary . .	25 00	
1898.			
May 25.	To amt. paid L. S. Walker, Treas., ½ salary . .	25 00	
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treas. Sem. Fund, interest on same to August 7, 1898.	240 00	
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid postage and revenue stamps for past year	6 00	
			\$ 323 00

1898.		CR.	
Aug. 18.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	\$ 89 26	

FROM NORFOLK MISSION FUND.

1898.		DR.	
April 30.	To amt. paid J. E. Cooper, Treasurer	\$ 305 00	
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid same	185 00	
			\$ 490 00

FROM SPECIAL SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONARY FUND.

1898.		DR.	
July 20.	To amt. paid Cooper Bros. for envelopes	\$ 5 00	
1897.			
Sept. 22 to Aug. 10, '98.	To amt. paid Rev. R. A. Helms, salary Buena Vista mission, 11 mos. at \$8.33, 1 mo. at \$12.50, per order of Synod	104 13	
Sept. 22 to Aug. 10, '98.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Treas. Harrisonburg mission, 12 mos. salary	275 00	
			\$ 384 13

1898.		CR.	
Aug. 18.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	\$ 191 36	

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS,

Including Amounts on Hand at Last Settlement.

1898.		DR.	CR.
Aug. 18.	By amt. recd. from Beneficiary Education, including \$60 returned by C. M. Foltz, ...		\$ 361 30
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid out from same	\$ 275 00	

Aug. 18.	By amt. recd. for Foreign Missions . . .	\$1811 59
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid out for same	\$1876 44
Aug. 18.	By amt. recd. for Home Missions	1160 36
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid out for same	1186 97
Aug. 18.	By amt. recd. for Orphan Home	448 80
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid out for same	448 80
Aug. 18.	By amt. recd. for Synodical Fund	412 26
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid out for same	323 00
Aug. 18.	By amt. recd. for Norfolk mission	490 00
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid out for same	490 00
Aug. 18.	By amt. recd. Sp. Syn. Home Miss. Fund	575 49
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid out from same	384 13
Aug. 18.	By amt. due Synod on Syn. F. M. Fund.	173 30
Aug. 18.	To amt. to same invested in Shen. Co. B. and L. Association	173 30
	By amt. due Synod on salary due second professor of Theological Seminary . . .	208 23
	By amt. due different funds by Treasurer	483 69
		\$5641 33 \$5641 33

1898.	CR.	
Aug. 18.	By amt. due all funds by Treasurer . . .	\$483 69
	The above balance is made up as follows :	
Aug. 18.	By amt. due Beneficiary Education Fund	86 30
Aug. 18.	By amt. due Synodical Fund	89 26
Aug. 18.	By amt. Special Synodical H. M. Fund .	191 36
Aug. 18.	By amt. due sal. second prof. Theo. Sem.	208 23
		\$575 15

1898.	DR.	
Aug. 18.	To amt. overpaid on Foreign Missions. . \$	64 85
Aug. 18.	To amt. overpaid on Home Missions . .	26 61
		\$ 91 46

Aug. 18.	By amt. due by Treasurer	\$ 483 69
	The Synodical Foreign Missionary Fund is invested as per order of Synod in Shenandoah County B. and L. Associa- tion certificates and the amount invested is	\$173 30

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER,

TREASURER OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

ADDENDUM TO TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts were received by the Treasurer during the meeting of Synod, and the said sums will be credited in report for next year, viz. :

Staunton, Grace church : Norfolk Mission, by J. A. Alexander, \$25 ; Norfolk Mission, by J. A. Singer, \$25 ; total . . .	\$ 50 00
Capon pastorate, by Rev. W. H. Riser, pastor : Beneficiary Education, \$6 ; Special Synodical Home Mission Fund, \$8 ; Synodical Fund, \$9 ; Home Missions, \$29.50 ; Foreign Missions, \$18 ; Orphans' Home, \$10 ; total	80 50
Mt. Jackson, by Rev. Ed. L. Folk, pastor : Norfolk Mission .	5 10
Rockingham, by S. T. Shank : Foreign Missions, Frieden's church	4 00
Mt. Tabor, by Rev. C. A. Marks, pastor : Special Synodical Home Mission Fund from Sunday-school	10 00
Madison, by W. H. Crigler : Special Synodical Home Mission Fund from Hebron Sunday-school	15 00
For Browntown church : Rev. L. L. Smith, \$5 ; Rev. C. H. Rockey, \$5 ; total	10 00
For St. Peter's church, Shenandoah City : Rev. J. W. Shuey, \$1 ; Rev. J. W. Strickler, \$1 ; Rev. P. Miller, \$1 ; Rev. C. A. Marks, \$5 ; Rev. W. J. Smith, \$5 ; Josiah Wisman, \$1 ; total	14 00
Middlebrook, by Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard : Orphans' Home, Holy Trinity, \$10 ; Orphans' Home, St. Mark's, \$2.19 ; total	12 19
	\$200 79

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER, TREASURER.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—Rev. W. J. Smith.

Vice-President—Rev. C. H. Rockey.

Secretary—Rev. L. L. Smith.

Treasurer—Mr. L. S. Walker.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

On motion, Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., of the East Pennsylvania Synod, Revs. R. H. Cline and J. K. Efrid, of the Tennessee Synod, Rev. B. W. Cronk, of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, Rev. J. F. Crigler, of the Maryland Synod,

and Rev. C. L. Brown of the Southwestern Virginia Synod and missionary-elect to Japan, were received as advisory members.

SESSIONS OF SYNOD.

Resolved, That the sessions of Synod be from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and from 2 to 5 p. m.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,

AUGUST 24, 1898—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

No. 1. *President's Report*.—Rev. C. A. Freed, Rev. Asa Richard, and Mr. J. M. Fray.

No. 2. *Secretary's Report*.—Rev. J. W. Strickler, Messrs. D. B. Foltz and C. H. Cline.

No. 3. *Treasurer's Report*.—Messrs. J. E. Cooper, M. McKee, and S. T. Shank.

No. 4. *Apportionment and Appropriations*.—Rev. C. A. Marks, Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, and Mr. Geo. H. Snarr.

No. 5. *Minutes of Last Synod*.—Rev. J. M. Shreckhise, Rev. W. P. Huddle, and Mr. J. M. Baylor.

No. 6. *State of the Church*.—Rev. E. C. Cronk, Rev. E. A. Shenk, and Mr. Cyrus Keister.

No. 7. *Education and Church Literature*.—Rev. G. E. Shuey, Rev. J. C. McGaughey, and Mr. W. D. Rock.

No. 8. *Vacant Congregations*.—Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., Rev. Ed. L. Folk, and Mr. W. M. Lineburg.

No. 9. *Minutes of Conference*.—Rev. J. W. Shuey, Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger, and Mr. P. M. S. Bird.

No. 10. *Letters and Petitions*.—Rev. C. H. Rockey, Rev. C. E. Hershberger, Rev. P. Miller, and Dr. R. F. Davis.

The following report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted :

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee respectfully report as follows :

1. That its organization was continued as previously constituted, with Rev. W. J. Smith as chairman and Rev. W. L. Seabrook as secretary.

2. That the duty delegated by the Synod of apportioning to the Sunday-schools the amount needed for the support of Synodical Home Missions, was discharged as follows: Bethlehem, \$12; Grace, Waynesboro, \$12; Bethany, \$11; Brownsburg, \$4; St. James, Millbrook, W. Va., \$5; St. Peter's, Wardensville, \$10; Hebron, \$5; Pleasant View, \$8; Gravel Springs, \$14; Bethel, \$8; St. John's, \$9; Freemont, \$3; St. James, Zepp, \$8; Harrisonburg, \$5; St. Paul, \$7.50; Lebanon, \$7.50; Holy Trinity, \$5; St. Mark's, \$5; Mt. Hermon, \$5; Mt. Calvary, \$7; Bethel, \$4; Mt. Tabor, \$10; St. Matthew's, \$15; St. Mark's, \$6; St. Martin's, \$6; Hebron, \$15; First English, Richmond, \$15; Frieden's, \$7; St. Peter's, Shepherdstown, \$25; Uvilla, \$10; Christ, \$25; St. Paul's, Strasburg, \$15; St. Peter's, Tom's Brook, \$10; Browntown, \$5; Trinity, \$10; Melancthon chapel, \$7; Salem, \$7; St. James, \$7; Mt. Zion, \$5; St. Luke's, \$5; Zion, \$7; St. James, \$7; Grace, Winchester, \$40; Emmanuel, \$35; Bethlehem, \$10; Norfolk, \$10.

This apportionment was communicated to pastors and superintendents, and envelopes sent them to be used in receiving the offerings from their schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SMITH,
W. L. SEABROOK,
E. L. FOLK,
C. W. HEATER,
HENRY BAETJER.

The Reports on the State of the Church and the Parochial Reports were read to the proper committee and to the Secretary.

The following report of the delegates to the United Synod was read and adopted :

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED SYNOD.

Your delegates to the United Synod beg leave to submit the following report :

The United Synod held its sixth convention in the church at Newberry, S. C., May 11th to 15th. There were present fifty-four delegates, thirty-six clerical delegates, representing each of the district

synods of the United Synod, and eighteen lay-delegates, representing each of the district synods except that of North Carolina. The Virginia Synod was represented by Revs. H. F. Scheele, W. L. Seabrook, L. L. Smith, C. A. Marks, J. A. Morehead and C. A. Freed, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and J. A. Alexander.

The three great interests around which was gathered the thoughts of the Synod were missions, the theological seminary, and fraternal relations.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Following the adoption of the Common Service, which was first prepared by the United Synod, that organization has been active in every movement looking to the co-operation of the great general bodies, and reaffirmed its earnest plea for the adoption, at as early a day as practicable, of a Common Book of Worship, including Ministerial Acts and Hymnal.

The recommendation of the joint committee for the holding of a General Conference or Diet was approved, and Rev. H. F. Scheele was appointed to represent the United Synod and co-operate with Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., of the General Council, and Rev. S. W. Owen, D. D., of the General Synod, in arranging for such a diet.

Rev. Samuel Laird, D. D., of Philadelphia, brought the greetings of the General Council, and Rev. Chas. E. Keller, of Akron, Ohio, those of the General Synod.

MISSIONS.

The comprehensive and detailed report of the Board of Missions was the source of much gratification at the work accomplished, though it was evident that not all was done that could and should have been accomplished.

The report shows that there are nine home missionaries in the employ of the Board and two under appointment, and four more needed to carry on work already begun or contemplated. In 1895 there were six home missionaries in the employ of the Board. In the missions there are at present more than 1300 communicant members, about 1100 Sunday-school scholars, and church property valued at \$75,000. In 1895 there were 793 communicants, 668 scholars in the Sunday-schools, and church property was valued at \$59,500.

This advancement was made notwithstanding the fact that the Synods raised on their apportionment only \$9,109.08 as against \$16,003.20 during the three years ending September, 1895. *The Virginia Synod raised \$2075.65 more than was asked by the United Synod for Home and Foreign Missions.*

In the foreign field, since the beginning of the illness of Mr. Scherer in the summer of 1896, the work has been under the sole direction of Mr. Peery. There the work has grown and many doors have opened.

Our membership has increased in church and Sunday-school. The two native helpers have continued faithfully at their posts. Mr. Peery has been giving systematic theological instruction to three men, one of them a physician who has largely sacrificed his practice to give his life to this work. These men will soon be qualified for efficient service.

The following action was taken :

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of \$4,500 annually.
2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of \$8,000 annually.
3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday-schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of missions, and an offering be taken for this object.
4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whitsunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.
5. That each district Synod be requested to print in separate columns of their parochial tables the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the Home and Foreign work of the Board of Missions.

We recommend that this Synod endorse these resolutions of the United Synod, and instruct our Committee on Appropriation to apportion the sum of \$750 for Foreign Missions and the sum of \$1400 for Home Missions annually to the congregations of Synod.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Great interest centered round the question of the continuance of the Theological Seminary. The United Synod expressed the firm conviction that the Seminary should be continued, and instructed the Board of Directors to arrange for a permanent location, elect two professors, and provide for the opening of the Seminary on the first Wednesday of October, 1898.

Signed,

H. F. SCHEELE,
W. L. SEABROOK,
L. L. SMITH,
C. A. MARKS,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
C. A. FREED,
J. E. COOPER,
J. A. ALEXANDER.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Shreckhise.

THIRD SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,

AUGUST 24, 1898—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. D. P. Crickenberger.
Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

A letter was read from the fraternal delegate of the Tennessee Synod, Rev. E. H. Kohn, and was referred to the Committee on Letters and Petitions.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

First English Lutheran church, Norfolk, was selected as the place, and Wednesday before the fourth Sunday of August, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion, Rev. H. F. Scheele and Mr. W. F. Koiner, lay-delegate, were excused from further attendance on this convention of Synod.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 2—ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Report of the Secretary has been examined, and your committee submit the following recommendations :

I. That the Secretary extend the thanks of this body to the B. & O. R. R., Southern R. R., and C. & O. R. R. for reduced rates given for this convention.

II. That an order be granted on the treasury for the sum of \$2 to pay necessary expenses of this office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STRICKLER,

D. B. FOLTZ,

C. H. CLINE.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Marks.

FOURTH SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,

AUGUST 25, 1898—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Morehead. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leave to submit the following report :

1. A letter to this Synod from Rev. D. W. Files has been placed in our hands giving his reason for non-attendance upon this convention of Synod, and asking to be excused. His reason for absence is the long distance from his home to the place of the convention of Synod. We recommend that Bro. Files be excused.

2. A letter from Rev. James Willis asking to be excused from attendance upon this convention of Synod. We regard his reasons satisfactory, and we recommend that he be excused.

3. Revs. J. E. Shenk, R. B. Peery, and W. L. Seabrook beg to be excused from attendance upon Synod. We recommend that they be excused.

4. A petition comes to us, signed by the pastor and council of Zion church, Mason pastorate, praying to be admitted into the membership of this Synod. This is a new organization, composed of thirty-six members, and having a new church building. The petitioners also ask that this church be added to the Mason pastorate. We recommend that the church be recognized as a member of Synod, and its name placed upon Synod's roll, and also that it be made a part of the Mason pastorate.

5. A petition, signed by the Secretary of the Waynesboro pastorate, asks that the name of same be changed from Waynesboro pastorate to Zion-St. James pastorate. We recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted.

6. A petition has been placed in our hands, signed by the church council and members of the St. Peter's E. L. congregation of Shenandoah, Va., asking first to be received as a member of this Synod, and secondly for financial aid in the prosecution of its work. We recommend :

First, That this church be received as a member of this Synod, for the reasons set forth in the petition.

Second, That opportunity be given the members of this Synod, at this session, to make voluntary contributions to aid this church in its work.

7. There is a petition presented us from the church council and members of the church of Browntown, Va., stating that the congregation had regularly and unanimously voted to sever their connection with the Stephens City pastorate, and praying for the privilege of uniting with the Luray pastorate. They give as their reasons for

this petition the distance of Browntown and Stephens City and inconveniences of travel between the two points, and that the change will be otherwise to the best interests of the church. We recommend that the request be granted and that the action of congregation be ratified.

8. A petition comes to us from the joint council of the Capon pastorate asking for the appropriation of \$200 to enable them to employ an assistant pastor in that field. The statement is made that the pastorate is now composed of five congregations, and requests have come from as many more points asking for services, and it is believed that new churches can be organized at at least most of these points if proper effort be made. It is impossible for the pastor in charge to supply these points and keep up his own work at the same time. They promise to raise \$200 for the support of such assistant, and petition Synod to grant them \$200 additional, thus making \$400 for the support of the assistant. We recommend the appropriation of \$200.

9. A letter from Rev. E. H. Kohn, fraternal delegate from the Tennessee Synod, has been received and read to Synod, and handed us. This letter brings the hearty greetings and most cordial feelings to this body. We recommend that this Synod return its response to this letter of greeting, and that the President appoint some member of this Synod as its fraternal delegate to the Tennessee Synod.

C. H. ROCKEY,
C. A. FREED,
PETER MILLER,
C. E. HERSHBERGER,
R. F. DAVIS,
COMMITTEE.

PLEDGES FOR ST. PETER'S, SHENANDOAH CITY.

The following pledges were made for St. Peter's church, Shenandoah, in accord with above resolution :

P. Miller, cash	\$ 1 00
Emmanuel, Woodstock	15 00
C. A. Marks, cash	5 00
W. J. Smith, cash	5 00
C. H. Rockey	5 00
J. W. Strickler, cash	1 00
D. P. Crickenberger	5 00
W. P. Huddle	5 00
Asaf Richard	4 00
Grace, Winchester	20 00
C. A. Freed	5 00
E. C. Cronk	5 00

Josiah Wisman, cash	\$ 1 00
J. A. Snyder	5 00
J. W. Shuey	1 00
W. D. Rock	5 00
E. A. Shenk	1 00

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee have examined the President's Report, and find it a clear statement of his official duties during the past year. Few changes have taken place among the pastorates, and harmony seems to have prevailed throughout the Synod. The attention of this body is called to the growing city of Newport News. We recommend :

1. That this place be earnestly commended to the Board of Missions, and that a pastor be placed on the ground as soon as possible.
2. That this Synod heartily co-operate in this field so near our doors which promises such a great sphere of work.

C. A. FREED,
ASA RICHARD,
J. M. FRAY.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCE.

The minutes of the Southern Conference were placed in the hands of your committee. They show that two conventions of that body were held during the past year, and are a clear and comprehensive report of the deliberations of the same.

The clerical roll shows a membership of fifteen of whom there was an average attendance of nine, and ten lay-delegates.

Revs. Geo. E. Shuey, H. F. Scheele, and J. W. Shuey were absent from both conventions, and Rev. J. C. McGaughey from the first, and are yet unexcused. The officers of this conference are : Rev. C. A. Freed, president ; Rev. E. A. Shenk, secretary ; and Rev. C. A. Marks, treasurer.

The minutes of the Potomac Conference not being at hand we have nothing to report concerning them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SHUEY,
D. P. T. CRICKENBERGER,
P. M. S. BIRD.

On motion, Rev. E. L. Folk, Messrs. P. M. S. Bird, G. W. Kite, and C. H. Cline were excused from further attendance on this convention of Synod.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. P. Miller.

FIFTH SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,

AUGUST 26, 1898—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Rockey. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CHURCH LITERATURE.

From papers submitted to the committee the growing prosperity of Roanoke College is noted as a matter of special gratification. One feature of this progress is the largest number of students in attendance at any time during its history, viz., 191. Another phase of this advancement is the strong emphasis placed on the Christian training of the students, nearly every professor devoting a portion of his time in a systematic way to the education of the student's spiritual nature. One result of such religious teaching is, "Roanoke is the only one of our institutions in the South that has sent any graduates into the foreign mission field of our church." Attention is called to the raising of a Semi-Centennial Fund, the college being fifty years old in 1903. The recommendation is made that this effort be commenced next summer, "so that subscriptions may run four years." The needs and interests of the college demand the most thoughtful consideration of our pastors and people.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

It is with regret that we note the resignation of the Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., from the management of the institution. The Board of Directors, at a meeting held in Columbia, S. C., in May, after canvassing the various propositions submitted for a permanent location, accepted that of the citizens of Charleston and Mt. Pleasant, S. C. They also called to the first professorship one of the members of this Synod. We recommend that our proportionate share of the \$600 unprovided for on the salary of this professor be paid from our treasury when the Seminary is in operation.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

The conspicuous improvement of the *Visitor* merits special mention. In the last month its form has been changed from the original style to that of a pamphlet, and we are informed that in the near fu-

ture it will embrace sixteen pages of smaller size. This prospectively convenient shape will be much appreciated by the reader. The *Visitor's* increasing value is being materially recognized by the people of our Synod in the rapid growth of its circulation. The power supplemental to the pastor of the denominational paper, is ever an argument for its wide introduction.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. SHUEY,
J. C. McGAUGHEY,
WM. D. ROCK.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's Report submit that they have compared the last year's balances and receipts for the various funds with vouchers and present balances, and find the report correct.

J. E. COOPER,
MAYBERRY MCKEE,
S. T. SHANK.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,
AUGUST 26, 1898—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Cronk. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Mr. L. B. Etheridge, the agent of the *Lutheran Visitor*, was accorded the privilege of the floor to present the claims of that paper.

On motion, Rev. W. S. Campbell, Secretary of the Virginia Bible Society, was invited to a seat within the bar of the Synod. Mr. Campbell presented earnestly the claims of the society to the Synod in an instructive and forceful address.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 5—ON MINUTES OF LAST SESSION.

Item 1, resolution 4, page 17. Were instructions of Synod complied with? No, but granted additional time.

Item 2, page 23. Were pledges for Norfolk mission paid? Yes.

Item 3. Was resolution, found on page 24, complied with? No.

Item 4, page 26. Did delegates to United Synod attend? Yes, in part.

Item 5, page 27. Were pledges for church at Browntown paid? Yes.

Item 6, page 28. Was request of Synod complied with by President of Synod? Yes.

J. M. SHRECKHISE,
W. P. HUDDLE,
JOHN M. BAYLOR.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—APPORTIONMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Your Committee on Apportionments and Appropriations would recommend the following:

APPORTIONMENTS.

PASTORATE.	Beneficiary Education.	Spec. Synodical Home Missionary Fund.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.
Bethany	\$ 5 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 18 00	\$ 9 00
Brandonville	11 25	12 00	10 50	40 00	25 00	12 50
Bethlehem	11 25	12 00	9 00	25 00	20 00	10 00
Buena Vista	3 00	3 00	4 50	12 00	10 00	5 00
Capon	6 00	8 00	9 00	32 00	20 00	10 00
Churchville	4 00	3 00	5 00	8 00	6 00	4 00
Gravel Springs	10 00	8 00	15 00	62 00	50 00	25 00
Harrisonburg	4 00	4 00	4 50	17 00	10 00	5 00
Lebanon	5 00	5 00	10 00	40 00	20 00	5 00
Luray { St. Mark's	2 00	2 00	3 00	9 00	6 00	6 00
{ Bethlehem	1 00	1 00	2 00	6 00	4 00	4 00
Madison { Pisgah	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
{ Hebron	15 00	15 00	22 50	90 00	50 00	25 00
Mt. Jackson { X Roads	3 00	3 00	4 50	20 00	5 00	5 00
{ Mt. Calvary	4 00	4 00	7 50	30 00	25 00	5 00
{ Bethel	6 00	5 00	9 00	30 00	15 00	7 50
Mason	6 00	5 00	9 00	35 00	20 00	10 00
Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	4 00	3 00	4 50	20 00	10 00	5 00
{ St. Mark's	3 00	3 00	3 00	15 00	10 00	3 50
Mt. Tabor	10 00	10 00	16 50	60 00	40 00	15 00
New Market { St. Matthew's	10 00	10 00	10 50	45 00	20 00	7 50
{ St. Mark's	6 00	5 00	3 00	14 00	10 00	5 00
{ St. Martin's	6 00	5 00	3 00	14 00	10 00	5 00
Norfolk	3 00	4 00	7 50	10 00	10 00	5 00
Page—St. Peter's	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Pleasant View	3 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	3 00
Richmond	3 00	4 00	7 50	20 00	15 00	5 00
Rockingham	3 00	4 00	7 50	24 00	15 00	7 50
Shenandoah { Mt. Zion	3 00	3 00	3 00	15 00	15 00	2 50
{ St. Luke's	3 00	3 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	2 50
Shepherdstown	25 00	25 00	40 00	100 00	60 00	30 00
Spring Valley	2 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	6 00	4 00
Staunton	15 00	15 00	22 50	70 00	40 00	20 00
Strasburg { St. Paul's	4 00	8 00	13 50	30 00	18 00	7 50
{ St. Peter's	4 00	8 00	7 50	25 00	15 00	7 50
Stephens City { Trinity	3 00	3 00	7 50	20 00	12 00	5 00
{ Ebenezer	1 00	1 00	4 50	8 00	5 00	2 50
Smithfield	3 00	2 00	3 00	12 00	10 00	2 50
Salem	7 00	7 00	10 50	42 00	30 00	7 50
Winchester	35 00	40 00	75 00	225 00	1050 00	55 00
Woodstock	6 00	15 00	15 00	30 00	20 00	7 50
Zion—St. James	10 00	10 00	15 00	70 00	40 00	13 50
Total	\$270 50	\$292 00	\$422 00	\$1376 00	\$1778 00	\$379 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

FROM BENEFICIARY FUND.

For W. G. Shenk	\$ 75 00
For E. R. Cooper	125 00
	\$ 200 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

For printing and distributing Minutes	\$ 80 00
For salary of Secretary, &c	27 00
For one year's interest on Seminary Fund	120 00
For salary of Treasurer	50 00
	<u>\$ 277 00</u>

FROM ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

For Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va	\$ 350 00
---	-----------

FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

For Harrisonburg	\$ 260 00
For Buena Vista	200 00
For Capon pastorate for Missionary pastor	200 00
For Shenandoah pastorate	100 00
For Middleway	100 00
For United Synod Board	1426 00
	<u>\$2086 00</u>

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

For United Synod Board	\$ 750 00
For United Synod Board for salary of R. B. Peery	1050 00
	<u>\$1800 00</u>

Respectfully,

C. A. MARKS,
A. A. J. BUSHONG,
G. H. SNARR,
COMMITTEE.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

It is with hearts full of gratitude that God has so blessed our work, that your committee presents this report on the general State of the Church.

We find it very difficult to get a satisfactory summary from the reports handed us, many of them being so general in their nature. We find that there are, as there always will be, discouraging features, but these are so far overbalanced by the encouraging ones that we thank God, and take the courage they offer.

Almost without exception the pastors report good attendance upon public worship. Two things that promise abundant fruit for the future of the church are: First, that almost all of our pastors are catechising the young people either in regularly organized catechumenical classes, or in connection with Sunday-school work. Second, most of the pastors report Sunday-schools in excellent working order,

two stating that their primary departments are overcrowded. This promises intelligent, well-grounded members for our church.

We are encouraged by the fact that all who mention the literature used in the schools, report Lutheran literature. It is a great inconsistency for a Lutheran school to use non-Lutheran literature. While we find increased interest in the *Lutheran Visitor*, many pastors report a small circulation. If we would have our people take more interest in the work of the church, they must know what that work is. We would recommend that the pastors themselves take a more lively interest in this matter, so that our people may become more active, intelligent church workers, and the *Lutheran Visitor*, receiving the support it deserves, may become more and more a paper which the church South may proudly claim as its especial organ.

Perhaps the most uniformly encouraging item is the financial condition of the congregations. Without exception this is reported good. We quote from three of the reports on this head :

"Finances in a flourishing condition. No debt of any character ; all assessments paid in full and money in the treasury."

Another says, "Salary has been paid promptly each month by check in full, during the five years, with but a single exception."

Another says, "The pastorate does not know anything else than to meet its obligations to Synod, to the last cent."

Although twenty-one congregations report their apportionment not paid in full, eighteen report theirs so far overpaid as to leave only a small deficit.

We lament the fact that so few of our young people are receiving the educational training they could and should have, also that no parochial school is reported within the bounds of the Synod.

Upon the whole, we were impressed with the fact that all of the pastors are much encouraged ; and that, according to reports, the churches are making decided progress. Instead of creating a spirit of satisfaction with the work that has been done, may the success of the past year stimulate us to greater activity, that we may accomplish still greater things for our Master in the year upon which we are just entering.

E. C. CRONK,

E. A. SHENK,

CYRUS KEISTER.

The following committee was appointed to nominate an executive committee—Revs. L. L. Smith, J. W. Strickler, and D. P. Crickenberger.

MINUTES.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to have 2,000 copies of the Minutes printed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Revs. H. F. Scheele, C. A. Marks, C. A. Freed, and Messrs. J. E. Cale and C. C. Berry.

On motion, Revs J. W. Shuey and J. A. Morehead and Messrs. W. D. Rock, J. E. Cooper, J. G. Kneisley, and Josiah Wisman were excused from further attendance on this convention.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. L. K. Probst.

SEVENTH SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,

AUGUST 27, 1898—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. C. McGaughey. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 8—ON VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Your Committee on Vacant Congregations present the following : We find Churchville, Pleasant View, and Smithfield vacant. We recommend that Churchville and Pleasant View be supplied by members of the Southern Conference, and that said conference aid these congregations in procuring a pastor.

We also recommend that the Executive Committee supply the Smithfield pastorate.

J. A. SNYDER,
ED. L. FOLK,
W. M. LINEBURG.

LUTHERAN VISITOR.

Mr. L. B. Etheridge, the agent of the *Lutheran Visitor*, presented the claims of the paper.

ORDINATION CERTIFICATES.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be authorized to secure ordination certificates at a reasonable cost, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay for same out of synodical fund.

SPEAKERS FOR 1899.

Ordination—Rev. L. L. Smith.

Education—Rev. G. E. Shuey.

Missions—Rev. C. A. Marks.

Resolved, That the attention of the Executive Committee be called to the requirements of the constitution in the conduct of the educational and missionary work of the Synod.

ORDINATION.

The Examining Committee reported that Candidate W. H. Riser had passed a satisfactory examination and that the Ministerium recommends his ordination. The Synod passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That Candidate W. H. Riser be ordained at this convention of Synod.

The Examining Committee also reported that the ordination of Candidate A. R. Longanecker be committed to the Potomac Conference. Whereupon the Synod passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the examination and ordination of Candidate A. R. Longanecker be committed to the Potomac Conference ; and that, if he pass a satisfactory examination, he be ordained at the next convention of said conference.

ORPHANAGE.

The report of the Southern Lutheran Orphan Home was read by the Superintendent, Rev. B. W. Cronk, followed by an interesting and impressive address. Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., President of the Board of Trustees of the Loysville Orphanage, followed in an instructive and beautiful address on the orphan work which was highly appreciated by the Synod, after which an offering was taken for the Home.

REPORT ON THE ORPHAN HOME.

DEAR BRETHREN :—We feel fully warranted in saying to you that God's blessings have again been upon our orphanage work. The Lord has been using many of the noble men, women, and children of your Synod in carrying on this work. The Home has no warmer friends than are many of the members of this Synod.

Twenty-nine children have been comfortably clothed and sufficiently

fed during the year. No debt has been incurred. The management of the Home has been placed in the hands of new officers. Agreeable to the expressed desire of the church, the children are now taught in the Home. The children have made gratifying progress in their studies and in their industrial training. The children now do all of the work. Strenuous effort is made to keep the children constantly employed and thus to contribute to their support. A garden and a field of corn have given the boys employment, and will contribute much to their support. Fourteen children are confirmed members of the church.

It is believed that there is a growing interest in the orphanage work. The gifts in clothing, groceries, etc., have been encouraging. The Woodstock Sunday-school of your Synod have shown their deep interest in the work by giving during a year a large cooking range, a cow, and a new wagon.

It is hoped that the church will realize that the early liquidation of the debt on the Home is imperative.

We ask not only for a continuance of your material support, but also for an increase in your sympathies and prayers. We ask the people to remember the words of our Lord, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The Lord will bless the cheerful giver.

B. W. CRONK, SUPERINTENDENT.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

EIGHTH SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,

AUGUST 27, 1898—3 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. C. E. Hershberger.
Minutes read and approved.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the pastor, members, and friends of Hebron Evangelical Lutheran congregation for the hospitality shown and for the cordial manner in which members of Synod have been entertained during their convention, this to be read to the congregation by the President of Synod at Sunday morning service.

UNITED SYNOD MISSIONS.

Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions,

made an address on the work of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, and reported an advance in this department of church work.

REARRANGEMENT OF PASTORATES.

Resolved, That the special attention of the Executive Committee be called to a rearrangement of the churches in the southern end of the Synod so that both Harrisonburg and Buena Vista be placed in pastorates and relieve the Synod of their support.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS.

On motion, the following apportionment was made to the Sunday-schools of Synod for funds to carry on the Synodical Home Mission work :

Bethany—Bethany pastorate	\$ 8 00
Bethlehem—Bethlehem pastorate	6 00
Grace—Bethlehem pastorate	6 00
Spring Valley—Spring Valley pastorate.	3 00
St. John's—Brandonville pastorate	1 00
Luther Chapel—Brandonville pastorate	1 00
St. Peter's—Brandonville pastorate	1 00
Mt. Zion—Brandonville pastorate	1 00
St. Mark's—Brandonville pastorate	1 00
Trinity—Buena Vista pastorate	2 00
Hebron—Capon pastorate	5 00
St. Peter's—Capon pastorate	5 00
St. James—Capon pastorate	4 00
St. Peter's—Churchville pastorate	2 00
Pleasant View—Churchville pastorate	4 00
Bethel—Gravel Springs pastorate	10 00
Fremont—Gravel Springs pastorate	1 00
Gravel Springs—Gravel Springs pastorate	11 00
St. John—Gravel Springs pastorate	11 00
St. James—Gravel Springs pastorate	9 00
Muhlenberg—Harrisonburg pastorate.	10 00
Lebanon—Lebanon pastorate	5 00
St. Paul—Lebanon pastorate	5 00
Hebron—Madison pastorate	15 00
Mt. Pisgah—Madison pastorate.	1 00
Mt. Calvary—Mt. Jackson pastorate.	6 00
Bethel—Mt. Jackson pastorate	2 50
Cross Roads—Mt. Jackson pastorate.	2 50
New Haven—Mason pastorate	2 00

Hew Hope—Mason pastorate	1 00
White—Mason pastorate	2 00
Zion—Mason pastorate	1 00
Holy Trinity—Middlebrook pastorate	6 00
Mt. Hermon—Middlebrook pastorate	2 00
St. Mark's—Middlebrook pastorate	2 00
Mt. Tabor—Mt. Tabor pastorate	10 00
St. Matthew's—New Market pastorate	4 00
St. Mark's—New Market pastorate	2 00
St. Martin—New Market pastorate	2 00
First Church—Norfolk pastorate	10 00
Bethlehem—Luray pastorate	1 00
St. Mark's—Luray pastorate	8 00
Ebenezer—Stephens City pastorate	5 00
First English Church—Richmond pastorate	15 00
Frieden's—Rockingham pastorate	3 00
St. John's—Rockingham pastorate	3 00
Mt. Zion—Shenandoah pastorate	1 50
St. Luke's—Shenandoah pastorate	1 50
St. Peter's—Shepherdstown pastorate	20 00
Uvilla—Shepherdstown pastorate	10 00
Christ Church—Staunton pastorate	20 00
Trinity—Stephens City pastorate	8 00
St. Paul's—Strasburg pastorate	15 00
St. Peter's—Strasburg pastorate	10 00
Salem—Salem pastorate	12 00
Melanchthon Chapel—Salem pastorate	5 00
St. James—Salem pastorate	5 00
Zion—Zion—St. James pastorate	8 00
St. James—Zion—St. James pastorate	8 00
Grace Church—Winchester pastorate	50 00
Emmanuel—Woodstock pastorate	25 00
Smithfield—Middleway pastorate	2 00
St. Peter's—Shenandoah City pastorate	2 00

Resolved, That the Secretary publish the section of the constitution requiring attendance during the entire convention of Synod in the call for the next convention.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.

L. L. SMITH,

Secretary Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

MINUTES
OF THE
MINISTERIUM
OF THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

FIRST SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,
AUGUST 24, 1898—4 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Cronk.

A prolonged discussion of the report of the President on the charges against Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard and his suspension was had by the Ministerium.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,
AUGUST 25, 1898—4 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. Asa Richard.
Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Candidate W. G. Shenk was recommended to Synod for an appropriation of \$75 for the coming year.

On motion, Candidate Edgar R. Cooper was recommended to Synod for an appropriation of \$125, provided his examination be satisfactory.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

THIRD SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,

AUGUST 26, 1898—4.30 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. P. Miller.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee have discharged the duties committed to their care, and recommend :

First, That Wilbur H. Riser be ordained at the present convention of this Synod.

Second, That A. R. Longanecker be ordained at the next convention of Potomac Conference, provided he pass a satisfactory examination.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
J. M. SHRECKHISE,
H. F. SCHEELE.

On motion, the Examination Committee be instructed to report Candidate Riser to the Synod for ordination.

On motion, the Executive Committee be instructed to report Candidate Longanecker to the Synod for ordination.

FOURTH SESSION.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.,

AUGUST 27, 1898—11 A. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Shuey.

The case of Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard was further considered, and the following adopted :

WHEREAS, The Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard having been found guilty of charges unbecoming a minister of the gospel, by a committee appointed by Synod, and having been suspended for one year, and comes now asking for reinstatement, and having failed to give satisfactory evidence of genuine repentance, be it

Resolved, That we continue his suspension for one year. If at the expiration of one year it was found by Synod that he has given evidences of works meet for repentance ; and that he has made an honest effort to satisfy the claims held against him by his creditors, that Synod consider his application for restoration to the gospel ministry.

Adjourned. Benediction by President.

L. L. SMITH, SECRETARY,
Of the Ministerium of the Virginia Synod.

DIVINE SERVICES.

HEBRON CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, VA.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1898.

11.00 A. M.—Synodical Communion. Sermon by Rev. C. H. Rockey, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1898.

11.00 A. M.—Educational Address. Rev. C. A. Freed, Middlebrook, Va.

2.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. E. A. Shenk, Waynesboro, Va.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1898.

11.00 A. M.—Missionary Service. Address by Rev. C. A. Brown, Missionary-elect to Japan.

2.30 P. M.—Orphan Service. Sermon by Rev. B. W. Cronk, Superintendent of the South View Orphanage.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1898.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions.

2.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. D. P. Crickenberger of Luray, Va.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1898.

11.00 A. M.—Ordination Service. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., New Market, Va.

11.00 A. M.—Service in Grove. Sermon by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Harrisburg, Pa.

2.30 P. M.—Sunday-school Service. Addresses by Dr. J. D. Dreher, President of Roanoke College, and Rev. L. K. Probst, of Atlanta, Ga.

FORM FOR REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

1. Activity in Christian Work.
2. Attendance on Service.
3. Benevolence.
4. Sunday-schools.
5. Catechisation.
6. Finances.
7. Church Property.
8. Education.
9. Church Literature.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

PAROCHIAL.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

BENEVOLENCE.

PASTOR'S NAME.

PASTORATES.

		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Me.	Certificate.	Other Loss	Infant Bapt	Adult Bapt	Confirmati	Certificate.	Restoration	Communi-	Estimated	Indebtedn	Local Exp	No. Sunda	Officers an	Scholars.	For Suppo	For Benev	Synodical	Home Mis	Foreign M	Beneficiary	Woman's	Orphans' P	External C
		Death.		Death.								bership.	Church P		all Objec				and Hom								
J. M. Schreckhise.	Spring Valley.	2	1	1	1	2	10	9	5	70	\$ 1,000	\$ 50 00	\$ 200 00	1	4	96	\$ 30 00	\$ 6 00	2 00	6 10	5 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50		
J. W. Shney.	Bethany.	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	74	2,800	25 00	703 86	1	15	285	7 00	15 60	31 00	18 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	9 00	9 00		
E. A. Shenk.	Brandonville.*	2	1	1	8	3	1	1	4	159	5,500		737 92	6	29	205	91 00	7 98	22 59	17 05	11 25	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		
R. A. Helms.	Bethlehem.	1	1	1	5	1	1	4	1	39	2,500		329 56	1	8	22	10 00		2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	5 00		
W. H. Riser.	Bena Vista.	5	1	1	3	6	2	1	1	318	5,400		721 00	4	30	350	40 00		9 00	40 00	20 00	6 00	6 00	10 00	10 00		
A. Richard (supply).	Capron.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	74																	
G. E. Shney.	Eastview.	1	1	2	1	5	6	2		38	4,700		523 18	1	10	85	30 00	5 00	4 50	21 00	10 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		
W. J. Smith.	Harrisonburg.	5	4	11	6	10	12	9	1	382	4,650		700 00	5	75	374	50 00	35 31	15 00	115 31	52 68	10 00	10 00	42 86	42 86		
Asa Richard.	Gravel Springs.	2	2	1	1	4	8	10	6	227	3,000		450 00	2	25	160	25 00	10 00	45 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		
D. P. Criteberger.	Lebanon.	2	2	1	1	3	2	11	1	141	10,500		800 00	2	21	142	47 00	5 81	4 50	15 24	8 10	2 75	2 75	2 75	8 00		
D. W. Fites.	Luray.	4	2	1	1	3	20	15	1	263	6,000		650 00	6	59	324	47 00		41 00	21 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	11 00		
W. P. Huddle.	Mason.	2	1	1	1	1	3	15	1	244	13,000		749 75	2	35	111	20 21	17 12	23 50	180 00	56 00	10 50	10 50	10 50	10 50		
C. A. Freed.	Middlebrook.	3	3	4	4	1	6	4	2	260	10,000		1120 00	3	58	344	69 00	7 00	12 00	64 36	40 00	10 50	10 50	10 50	10 50		
Ed. L. Folk.	Mt. Jackson.	1	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	199	8,000		785 00	2	14	136	46 00	7 00	8 33	69 17	40 00	13 00	13 00	13 00	10 73		
C. A. Marks.	New Market.	3	1	1	2	4	3	7	1	888	9,500		888 24	1	11	140	38 52	31 82	15 00	94 43	37 69	8 33	8 33	8 33	15 07		
J. A. Snyder, D. D.	Norfolk.	1	2	2	4	7	10	6	3	115	15,000	1000 00	1773 49	3	14	207	93 92	10 00	12 50	20 15	13 00	7 75	7 75	7 75	7 75		
J. E. Shenk.	Richmond.	1	1	2	3	4	6	18	13	256	6,000	4500 00	1732 41	1	19	201	134 96	10 00	7 50	18 00	13 00	15 00	3 00	3 00	5 00		
J. A. Hershberger.	Rockingham.	2	2	3	2	6	4	9	1	139	1,700	300 00	445 00	3	21	180	36 00	9 00	7 50	24 00	15 00	1 00	4 00	4 00	7 50		
C. E. Hershberger.	Shepherdstown.	1	1	3	1	6	2	3	2	138	13,000		4250 00	2	44	276	90 00	100 00	40 00	110 00	60 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	10 00		
R. A. Longacker.	Smithfield.	1	2	4	10	6	2	14	2	380	13,000														10 00		
C. H. Rooley.	Staunton.	3	1	1	1	3	5	1	6	143	20,000		1669 19	1	23	178	154 44	112 25	22 50	135 00	124 00	15 00	15 00	110 00	20 00		
H. F. Schuele.	Stephens City.	2	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	150	6,000	350 00	877 00	2	22	150	67 70	12 00	12 25	32 00	17 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	23 00		
J. W. Strickler.	Strasburg.	2	2	2	8	1	7	11	17	340	11,800		877 00	2	33	281	95 00	25 00	21 00	121 00	42 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	36 50		
L. L. Smith.	Salem.	3	1	2	4	4	4	8	2	291	5,000		533 00	3	40	252	45 95	7 66	10 00	48 95	30 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	13 50		
J. C. McCaughy.	Zion-St. James.	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	7	220	6,000		880 00	2	22	163	50 58	14 00	15 00	70 00	40 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	13 50		
E. C. Cronk.	Winchester.	1	1	2	3	4	4	7	2	414	23,000		1802 90	1	33	307	240 77	183 02	75 00	445 00	1097 00	35 00	35 00	35 00	85 07		
W. L. Seabrook.	Woodstock.	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	150	12,000		710 00	1	18	185	216 95	163 95	15 00	115 00	497 70	6 00	6 00	6 00	72 00		
A. J. Bushong.	Churchville.	3	1	1	1	4	2	3	3	132	2,400		495 00	2	18	185	14 43	10 49	3 75	8 34	8 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	11 99		

* Vacant. 69 15 27 90 77 86 134 164 164 80 11 6157 \$225 150 \$225 00 \$24778 62 65 775 564 11 \$1864 81 \$ 922 21 \$388 41 \$1931 64 \$1872 47 \$217 33 \$217 92 \$471 96 1376 38

INDEX.

	PAGE.
Advisory Members	12, 13
Apportionments	24
Appropriations	24-25
Capon pastorate, Assistant for, &c	19
Calendar 1897-98	2
Clerical Roll	3
Conferences, Report of Committee on	20
Church Extension, Board of	2
Delegates to United Synod, Report of	15-16
Divine Services	34
Election of Officers	12
Executive Committee, Report of	14
Executive Committee, Selection	26-27
Education and Church Literature, Report of Committee on	21-22
Lay-Delegates, Roll of	4
Letters and Petitions, Report of Committee on	18-19
Minutes of Last Synod, Report of Committee on	23
Minutes, Printing of	26
Ministerium, Minutes of	32-33
Ordination Certificates	27
Ordination, Candidate Riser	28
Ordination, Candidate Longanecker	28
Orphan Home, Report of	28-29
President's Report	4-7
President's Report, Report of Committee on	20
Parochial Tables	36
Register	4
Roanoke College	21
Secretary's Report	7
Secretary's Report, Report of Committee on	17
Speakers for Next Year	28
Standing Committees, List of	13
State of the Church, Report on	25-26
Sunday-school Offerings for Home Missions	30-31
St. Peter's Church, Shenandoah City, Reception of	18
St. Peter's Church, Pledges for	19-20
Thanks	29
Time and Place of Next Convention	17
Treasurer's Report	7-12
Treasurer's Report, Report of Committee on	22
Vacant Congregations, Report of Committee on	27
Virginia Bible Society, Action in regard to	22